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EDITOR'S PREFACE

The first part of the Register (Memoranda) of Philip Repingdon, Bishop of Lincoln from 1405 to 1419, is being published in two volumes. Vol. I covers the years from 1405 to the beginning of 1411, and includes a brief introduction which aims at giving some idea of the content of the Register as a whole, and of the problems and activities of Bishop Repingdon in his diocese. Vol. II (1411–1414) includes the indexes for both volumes.

The transcription of the Register was begun many years ago, and its completion has been delayed by various circumstances. I am most grateful to all those who have helped me with different aspects of the work ; I myself am of course entirely responsible for any errors. I owe a particular debt of gratitude to the late Canon C. W. Foster, who first made it possible for me to use the records at Lincoln, and to the late Professor A. Hamilton Thompson for his immeasurable kindnesses and unfailing help over a long period.

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MARGARET ARCHER.

GENERAL EDITOR'S PREFACE

The Council of the Society at its meeting in 1961 agreed to my proposal that the two volumes of Bishop Repingdon's *Memoranda* should be published together, with the index to both volumes in the second, in order to reduce total costs. This has resulted in the publication of Vol. I later than the end of the financial year in respect of which it is issued, but the Council hopes that its subscribers will agree that the advantage outweighs the delay.

The Council is most grateful to the British Academy for a grant of £100 to each volume and to the University of Birmingham for its grant of £100 to the second volume.

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NOTES CONCERNING THE METHOD OF TRANSCRIPTION

Where set forms recur constantly with only slight variations, as in the case of licences for non-residence and for the farming of churches, and letters dimissory, the first example is given in full and the rest calendared. Where there is any marked deviation from the usual form, this has been noted. The usual forms, in the order in which they occur, are as follows :

A. Licence for non-residence in order to study.

Memorandum quod quarto die mensis Maii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto apud Bannebury concessa fuit littera non residencie magistro Radulpho Repyngdon' rectori ecclesiarum parochialium de Castr' et Tytchemersh' Lincoln' diocesis per triennium litterarum studio insistendo ac dimittendo fructus earundem ad firmam per idem tempus.

B. Letters dimissory.

Item decimo die mensis Maii anno predicto apud Lydington' concessa fuerunt littere dimissorie Thome Colles de Melbroke Lincoln' diocesis accolito quod possit promoveri ad omnes sacros ordines a quocumque episcopo catholico ut in forma consueta.

C. Licence for non-residence for study in accordance with the clause " Cum ex eo ".

Concessa fuit littera non residencie Willelmo Lyndewode diacono rectori ecclesie parochialis de Walton Lincoln' diocesis litterarum studio insistendo ubicumque etc. ac dimittendo fructus ad firmam per idem tempus et dispen atum fuit cum eodem iuxta capitulum " Cum ex eo ".

D. Licence to put a church to farm.

Item xiiij^{to} die eiusdem mensis anno et loco predictis concessa fuit licencia domino Radulpho Dyot vicario de Wardeley Lincoln' diocesis quod possit dimittere fructus de Wardeley predicti per triennium dummodo in eadem resideat.

E. Licence for non-residence while in the service of king or bishop or other eminent person.

Item xiiij^{to} die eiusdem mensis anno predicto apud Sleford' concessa fuit littera non residencie Johanni Clayton' clerico rectori ecclesie de Croxby Lincoln' diocesis obsequiis[1] domini Henrici Bathon' episcopi per unum annum et dimittendo fructus ad firmam per idem tempus.

[1] *Or* " in contemplacione ". See p. 43, note.

F. Letters dimissory to the head of a religious house for members of his community.

Item tercio die mensis Maii anno predicto apud Bannebury concessa fuit licencia priori de Dorchestr' quod possit facere fratres [the names follow] . . . canonicos dicti prioratus ad omnes tam minores quam sacros ordines quos non dum fuerunt assecuti a quocumque episcopo catholico legitime promoveri etc. ut in forma.

G. Licence to a religious house or college to farm an appropriated church.

Item xxvij^{mo} die Aprilis anno predicto apud Oxon' concessa fuit licencia magistro sive preposito et scolaribus aule sive collegii beate Marie de Oryell' Oxon' quod possint dimittere ecclesiam de Colby Lincoln' diocesis sibi appropriatam ad firmam quam diu domino placuerit duraturum.

H. Licence for non-residence for reasons other than those given above, or for no specific reason.

Item xxiiij^{to} die mensis Julii anno et loco predictis concessa fuit licencia non residencie domino Thome Hanley rectori ecclesie parochialis de Belgrave Lincoln' diocesis locis honestis commorando.

For reasons of space, the brief marginal headings for miscellaneous short licences have not been given. The usual forms are as follows :

Letters dimissory.	Di' *or* dimissor'
Licences for non-residence.	Non res' *or* Disp' iuxta ca' Cum ex eo
Licences to preach.	Lic' predicand'
Licences for the celebration of anniversaries.	Annale
Licences for the private celebration of divine services.	Or', ora' *or* orat'
Licences to farm churches.	Ad fir'

Documents which are printed in Wilkins' *Concilia*, in Professor E. F. Jacob's edition of Archbishop Chichele's Register, or in volumes published by the Oxford Historical Society, are not transcribed in full, unless there is a difference in the text.[1]

As regards spelling, the scribe has been followed as closely as possible. Thus 'c' for 't' is the almost invariable rule, as in 'sentencia' and 'penitenciarius'; 'j' is used for the names of months and in proper names, otherwise 'i' is usual, as 'iura', 'eius' etc. There is no consistency in the text in the use of capitals; in the transcription, these have been used sparingly.

[1] With the exception of Urban V's Bull for the election of the chancellor at the University of Oxford (f. 15), which is given in full.

Christian names have in most cases been modernized. Surnames and place names have been given in their modern forms where possible. In the calendared entries, the original form is given in brackets, except where the original and modern forms are identical, and all variants are grouped together in the index. Where identification is uncertain, the name is left in its textual form. All places are in the diocese of Lincoln, unless otherwise stated.

In transcribing dates, it has been thought clearer to allow for the medieval practice of beginning the New Year on March 25th. Thus, an entry dated by the scribe January 1st, 1405, is given as January 1st, 1405/6. The episcopal year begins on March 29th.

References to the text of the Memoranda are given by folio, as the later part of the text is not yet printed.

PRINCIPAL ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE FOOTNOTES

Manuscripts

Anc. Ind.	Ancient Indictments before the King's Bench. Files 202, 204, 205 (Public Record Office).
Liber Sextus I	Lincoln Chapter Acts : Liber Sextus Primus (1402/17).
Liber Sextus II	Lincoln Chapter Acts : Secundus Liber Sextus (1407/22).
Memo.	Register (Memoranda) of Philip Repingdon, bishop of Lincoln, 1405/19.
Reg. Fleming	Register of Richard Fleming, bishop of Lincoln, 1420/31.

Printed Books

Cal. Pap. Lett.	Calendar of Papal Registers : Papal Letters.
Cal. Pat. Rolls	Calendar of Patent Rolls.
Concilia	Concilia Magnæ Britanniæ et Hiberniæ A.D. 446/1718, ed. Wilkins, D. 4 vols. (1737).
D.N.B.	Dictionary of National Biography.
Fœdera	Fœdera, Conventiones et Litteræ, vols. VIII and IX, ed. Rymer, T. (1709).
Le Neve	Fasti Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, ed. Hardy, T. D. 3 vols. (1854).
Linc. Wills	Early Lincoln Wills, 1280/1547, ed. Gibbons, A. (1888).
Linc. Stat.	Statutes of Lincoln Cathedral, ed. Bradshaw, H. and Wordsworth, C. 3 vols. (1892/7).
Ord. Priv. Co.	Proceedings and Ordinances of the Privy Council, ed. Nicolas, H. 2 vols. (1834).
Reg. Bubwith	Register of Nicholas Bubwith, bishop of Bath and Wells, 1407/24, ed. Holmes, T. S. 2 vols. Somerset Record Society. (1913/14).

Reg. Chichele	Register of Henry Chichele, archbishop of Canterbury, 1414/43, ed. Jacob, E. F. 4 vols. Canterbury and York Society. (1943/47).
Reg. Mascall	Register of Robert Mascall, bishop of Hereford, 1404/16, ed. Parry, J. H. Canterbury and York Society. (1917).
Reg. Rede	Register of Robert Rede, bishop of Chichester, 1397/1415, ed. Deedes, C. 2 parts. Sussex Record Society. (1908/10).
Snappe's Formulary	Snappe's Formulary and other Records, ed. Salter, H. E. Oxford Historical Society. (1924).

INTRODUCTION

I

The Register of Philip Repingdon, bishop of Lincoln from 1405 to 1419, is in two volumes, the Institutions and the Memoranda, nos. XIV and XV in the Lincolnshire Archives Office. The former is a bulky volume of 497 folios, with the institutions arranged chronologically under the eight archdeaconries, the final group being followed by a list of collations to prebends. There is a modern table of contents. The Memoranda volume, which contains the miscellaneous business of the see, consists of 207 leaves of vellum in a seventeenth-century binding of undressed brown calf, with two clasps. The exact date of the binding is uncertain; the late Canon C. W. Foster suggested that the Lincoln registers were bound in the reign of James I,[1] but there is some evidence that the work was possibly not begun, and certainly not completed, until after 1678.[2] The Memoranda seems to have consisted originally of a collection of unbound quires, each folio measuring approximately 14 inches by 11 inches; the heading "quaternus memorandorum" occurs on the first page of each of the first thirteen quires, but only once in the later part of the volume. The folios are numbered in Roman numerals at the top centre of each page up to and including f. 145, and then in the top right-hand corner to f. 207. They were renumbered by Canon Foster. These two notations do not correspond after f. 80 owing to the insertion of the lengthy ordinance relating to the foundation of a chantry in Chalgrave parish church in 1412; the modern notation includes this ordinance (ff. 81–95), and for the sake of clarity this arrangement has been followed in the present transcription.[3] The leaves of the Chalgrave ordinance are smaller than the rest of the Memoranda, measuring 12 inches by 8½ inches.

The condition of the leaves and ink is good, on the whole, although some pages are badly creased and have been much defaced by large brown stains,[4] as though the quires were at some time dropped face downwards into dirt or mud. Such evidence of careless treatment

[1] See his article on "The Lincoln Episcopal Registers" in *Reports and Papers of the Architectural and Archæological Societies of Lincoln and Northampton for 1933*, XLI, pt. 2 (1935), p. 158.

[2] In the Calendar of the Red Book (1611/1693) in the Record Office at Lincoln, an entry on p. 239, dated January 15th, 1677/78, mentions the lack of "due order, security and decorum" in the Registry Office, and the urgent need to bind the ancient records, which were in danger of being defaced and rendered useless, "to the detriment of the people as well as the disgrace of the jurisdiction". Earlier promises to bind the books had apparently not been carried out.

My attention was drawn to this entry by Mrs. Joan Varley.

[3] The original Roman numbering is used in *Concilia*, *Linc. Wills*, and *Snappe's Formulary*.

[4] e.g. ff. 52v–54.

may have been partly responsible for the complaint of 1678. Smaller stains and holes in the original parchment are few. On ff. 41–41v there are some bad blots, probably made by a careless or inexperienced scribe. Towards the end of the volume the ink becomes very faint, and the last page is almost illegible.

The handwriting is generally clear and fairly well formed, but it deteriorates in the last quarter of the volume, owing, perhaps, to the increasing age or failing eyesight of the scribe, or to overwork or lack of interest. There are several distinct scripts, but it is not possible to reach a definite conclusion as to the number of scribes, for one man's handwriting might vary considerably. Throughout Repingdon's episcopate Thomas Colston acted as bishop's registrar and principal scribe,[1] and it seems probable that he wrote the greater part of the Memoranda, although he was not responsible himself for all the transcription, for he had one or more assistant registrars and many scribes working under his direction. Colston was usually present when the bishop was transacting important business; he witnessed most of the episcopal *acta*, recorded decisions and awards, and registered papal bulls. His paraph occurs on f. 71v and f. 122v. His writing is variable, but usually small, not very well formed and sometimes almost illegible, as though he wrote rapidly and rather carelessly. Robert Stretton, who is described as bishop's registrar in 1409,[2] was responsible for many of the earlier entries. His script is neater, squarer and more upright than that of Colston, and gives an impression of immaturity. Stretton was appointed clerk to the chapter in 1415,[3] and the fact that he held the two positions suggests that there was a close connection between the two registries and that the episcopal and capitular records may not always have been kept entirely separate. Stretton probably received his early training under Colston, and acted as his deputy when necessary. Another scribe who was present on many important occasions was Thomas Hill, whose paraph occurs on f. 35v and f. 36. He has a more decorative style of writing, with loops and flourishes and a liking for winged capitals. Other scribes who probably helped with the transcription of entries for the Memoranda included Robert Scarle, Edmund Langford and John Clifton, but their scripts cannot be distinguished with certainty. That these men and other members of the bishop's clerical staff had academic status as well as administrative experience is illustrated by the frequent use of the title 'magister'.

[1] He is described variously as registrar (1406, 1411, 1414, 1415, 1416), registrar and scribe (1411, 1415, 1417) and scribe (1411, 1413, 1414, 1416, 1418). On May 27th, 1421, he was granted a dispensation by Archbishop Chichele to hold the office of scribe and registrar in any spiritual court, notwithstanding his marriage. *Reg. Chichele*, IV, p. 215.

[2] Memo. f. 42.

[3] Liber Sextus II, f. 45v. See Miss Kathleen Major's article on "The Office of Chapter Clerk at Lincoln in the Middle Ages" in *Medieval Studies presented to Rose Graham*, ed. V. Ruffer and A. J. Taylor, pp. 184, 185.

The Chalgrave ordinance is in several different hands, and parts of it are very beautifully written; in some places, legibility is sacrificed for the sake of a decorative script. In the Memoranda volume as a whole, there are very few decorations. The best examples of elaborate capitals, probably the work of Thomas Hill, occur on some of the earlier folios,[1] but they cannot compare with those of earlier registers; the designs are either childish or over-formalized, and there is little originality. The favourite designs are an oak-leaf pattern and a symmetrical arrangement of small dots inside a capital letter. On f. 25 the word 'Philippus' is written inside the centre stroke of a capital E. There are very few drawings; they include one sketch of a man's face in the loop of a capital on f. 122v, and several marginal hands which draw attention to important items.[2]

The entries are arranged for the most part chronologically, with little attempt at classification according to content or district. As there is usually no indication of either county or archdeaconry, identification of some of the commoner place-names is not always possible. There is a heading for each episcopal year, up to and including the year 1415, but after that it is omitted. Brief marginal notes, sometimes in a later hand, appear opposite the majority of entries. Occasionally they are inaccurate. In the later part of the Memoranda, there are some errors in dating, and some entries are duplicated or unfinished.[3]

It is clear that the records were used for purposes of reference and frequently consulted; titles, decisions and precedents were sought for in previous registers and in the earlier quires of the Memoranda,[4] copies of papal documents, royal mandates and parliamentary statutes were entered for future reference,[5] and certain model forms fully recorded.[6] With few exceptions, all the entries are in Latin. A letter from Henry IV, several parliamentary statutes, and the will of Edward, duke of York, are in French.[7] The record of Sir John Oldcastle's confession of faith,[8] and the will of the chief justice, Sir William Thirning,[9] are in English.

II

Philip Repingdon,[10] abbot of St. Mary de Pré, Leicester, was provided to the see of Lincoln on November 19th, 1404, and consecrated on March 29th, 1405. He voluntarily resigned the see

[1] e.g. Memo. ff. 25, 27, 27v, 32, 77.
[2] e.g. f. 17.
[3] e.g. ff. 191v, 192, 196v–197.
[4] e.g. ff. 10v, 57, 147, 152v, 204.
[5] e.g. ff. 8, 15, 162v–163, 186.
[6] e.g. ff. 6, 126–128.
[7] ff. 13, 139, 162v–163.
[8] ff. 106v–107.
[9] f. 75.
[10] For Repingdon's earlier career as an active follower of Wyclif at Oxford, see G. M. Trevelyan, *England in the Age of Wycliffe*, pp. 301–307; H. B. Workman, *Wyclif*, II, p. 130; A. Hamilton Thompson, *The Abbey of St. Mary of the Meadows, Leicester*, pp. 44–48; A. B. Emden, *A Biographical Register of the University of Oxford to A.D. 1500*, vol. III (1959), pp. 1565–7.

in October, 1419, and died in 1424. In 1408 he was created cardinal priest of SS. Nereus and Achilleus by Gregory XII, but he does not seem to have used the title in England, and on no occasion is it used in his register. Unlike the majority of contemporary bishops, Repingdon was not a figure of international repute, nor an active participator in papal or royal affairs; his main interests lay in his diocese, and the Memoranda clearly illustrates his constant preoccupation with diocesan matters. His absences were usually of brief duration, and his frequent delegations of authority resulted from the complexities of the administration of so extensive a diocese rather than from lack of interest or ability.

While in the diocese, Repingdon preferred to reside at Sleaford rather than at Lincoln, where there was always the risk of becoming too closely involved in the long drawn-out dispute between dean and chapter. While admitting no diminution of his episcopal authority, and keeping himself constantly informed as to the state of affairs in his cathedral church, he doubtless found his influence greater and his relations with the chapter more cordial if he resided outside the city itself. He travelled from time to time to other parts of the diocese, staying at one of his numerous manors[1] or at a religious house, so that he kept in touch as far as possible with the remoter districts. When in London, he stayed at his residence in the Old Temple, and many diocesan matters were dealt with there.

From a study of Repingdon's movements as revealed in the Memoranda it is possible to reach some tentative conclusions regarding his absences from the diocese, but the evidence is far from complete. The only indication of his absence abroad occurs on February 5th, 1406, when John Hauberk acted as vicar-general while the bishop was *in remotis agens*.[2] He was in Lincoln diocese again by April 4th. Most of his subsequent absences from the diocese coincided with the meetings of Convocation. He was in London for several short periods in 1406; in July, 1408, he was a member of the committee appointed by Convocation to discuss the English attitude towards the Council of Pisa;[3] he was again in London in the spring of 1409. There is no evidence in the Memoranda to support the view that Repingdon was absent from the diocese for long periods after 1409 while in attendance on Gregory XII,[4] nor for the charges of non-residence and negligence owing to his preoccupation with papal affairs during the later years of his episcopate.[5] Apart from visits to London, mainly for the purpose

[1] The episcopal residences used by Bishop Repingdon were at Newark, Liddington Nettleham, Dorchester, Thame, Stow Park, Buckden, Banbury and Wooburn, in addition to Sleaford and Lincoln.

[2] Memo. f. 15v. [3] *Concilia*, III, p. 308

[4] See the article by the late Canon G. G. Perry on "Cardinal Repingdon and the followers of Wyclif" in the *Church Quarterly Review*, XIX (1884), pp. 79–80.

[5] *Ibid.*, p. 82.

of attending Convocation, in the spring and autumn of 1411,[1] in the autumn of 1412, for three short periods in 1413 and again in the autumn of 1414, he was fully occupied during these years with diocesan affairs, particularly with the suppression of heresy and with his attempts to improve the conditions in his cathedral church. He was summoned to a meeting of the king's council on April 16th, 1415,[2] and attended Convocation on November 18th.[3] In 1416 he was in London for longer periods, in spring, summer and autumn; he was present in Convocation in May, when the trial of the heretic John Barton took place,[4] and on May 31st he assisted at the consecration of John Wakering as bishop of Norwich at St. Paul's.[5] In the autumn of 1417 he again attended Convocation when the question of the promotion of graduates, in which he was greatly interested, was considered, and he was a member of the committee appointed to examine the matter further.[6]

In 1418 and 1419 Repingdon spent most of his time at Sleaford, and his disciplinary campaign, far from being abandoned, seems to have been intensified during these later years. Conjectures as to his absence abroad at this period may be based partly on a papal indult of March 21st, 1418, which permitted the bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, who had been sent by Henry V as envoy to the Council of Constance and who had to remain abroad for the prosecution of certain affairs at the papal court, to visit his diocese by deputy; the indult granted similar permission to the bishops of Oloron, Lincoln and St. David's.[7] The name of the bishop of Lincoln is not given, and no evidence has been found concerning Repingdon's attendance at the Council or at the papal curia. In May, 1418, he delegated the visitation of the chapter to commissaries owing to the pressure of other business,[8] but it seems clear that he remained in the diocese for most of the summer. Either he paid a very brief visit to the papal curia, which seems unlikely in view of the lack of evidence, or the reference to the bishop of Lincoln in the indult of 1418 is made in error, possibly as the result of a mistake in transcription.[9]

III

The Memoranda gives a clear picture of diocesan administration and the state of religious life in the see of Lincoln between 1405 and 1420. Owing to the size of the diocese and the vast amount of

[1] He was summoned to attend the king's council on March 19th. *Ord. Priv. Co.*, II, p. 98.
[2] *Ibid.*, p. 156. [3] *Reg. Chichele*, III, p. 3. [4] *Reg. Chichele*, III, pp. 15–16.
[5] *Ibid.*, I, p. 30; cf. Memo. f. 165v. (Marginal note).
[6] *Reg. Chichele*, III, pp. 33, 38. [7] *Cal. Pap. Lett.*, VII, p. 48. [8] Memo. f. 190.
[9] His movements may be compared with those of his contemporary, Thomas Langley, bishop of Durham (1406–37), discussed by Professor Hamilton Thompson in his article in the *Durham University Journal*, XXXVIII, no. 1 (December 1945), pp. 3–8.

work involved, much of the ordinary jurisdiction of the bishop was customarily delegated to expert officials, some holding permanent, others temporary, commissions. For help in the transaction of diocesan business, Repingdon relied mainly on certain members of the cathedral chapter who were distinguished by legal or administrative experience and many of whom possessed high academic standing. The canons who most frequently acted for the bishop in the administrative work of the diocese were also those who formed the nucleus of an "inner council" of the chapter and were mainly responsible for the direction of chapter policy; thus a small group of canons exercised considerable influence on both diocesan and chapter affairs.[1] They included John Southam, an eminent jurist, archdeacon of Oxford from 1404 to 1440 and official *sede vacante* in 1405 and 1419; Thomas Duffeld, chancellor from 1412 to 1423; Richard Hethe, bachelor of theology, subdean from 1405 to 1414 and then archdeacon of Huntingdon, who was one of the bishop's most faithful and trustworthy friends;[2] Thomas Brouns, doctor of laws, who succeeded him as subdean, and the canons David Pryce, bachelor of laws, and Ralph Louth.[3]

Most closely associated with the bishop in the administrative work of the diocese were the official-principal, the commissaries, the eight archdeacons and their officials, the rural deans, and, during the bishop's absence abroad, the vicar-general. No formal commission to the vicar-general is recorded in the Memoranda. Entries made during John Hauberk's short period of office from February 5th to the beginning of April, 1406,[4] include the proving of wills, grants of dispensations for non-residence for purposes of study, and the issuing of a commission of absolution.[5] There is a puzzling reference to David Pryce, *vicarius generalis*, on June 16th, 1413;[6] at this time Repingdon was absent from the diocese for only a few days, and no appointment of a vicar-general is recorded.

The official-principal, as the bishop's deputy, presided over the consistory court, hearing ecclesiastical suits and appeals and

[1] See the minutes of chapter meetings in the Chapter Acts, Liber Sextus, I and II

[2] See the will of Repingdon in *Reg. Chichele*, II, pp. 285–6.

[3] Archbishop Chichele also thought highly of these men. Thomas Brouns acted as his commissary during the visitation of Chichester diocese in August, 1423 (*Reg. Chichele*, III, p. 505) and held other high offices under the archbishop. He became bishop of Rochester and later bishop of Norwich. David Pryce was archbishop's official, advocate of the court of Canterbury, and vicar-general of London diocese in 1422, 1424, 1425, 1426 and 1436. (*Reg. Chichele*, I, pp. 206, 218, 226, 347; III, pp. 81, 471; IV, pp. 66, 89, 276). Richard Hethe acted as official of Lincoln *sede vacante* in 1424. For further details of John Southam's career, see A. Hamilton Thompson, *Visitations of Religious Houses in the Diocese of Lincoln*, I, pp. 182–3; *Reg. Chichele*, I, pp. xxi, 66; III, pp. 36, 38; IV, pp. 69, 73, 95.

[4] Memo. f. 15^{v}.

[5] f. 16. Fuller details concerning the appointment and functions of the vicar-general are given in Liber Sextus, I, f. 16^{v}, and Liber Sextus, II, f. 116, and in Reg. Fleming, ff. 1, 208, 222, 226. Cf. *Reg. Chichele*, IV, p. 69.

[6] Memo. f. 73^{v}.

dealing with testamentary matters. Unfortunately there are very few references in the Memoranda to the personnel or procedure of the court. It is recorded that John Hauberk was official in 1406 and in 1409, and John Southam in 1412.[1] In the latter year the bishop expressed his intention of holding a visitation of the consistory court and cited the official-principal, advocates, proctors and other ministers to attend for this purpose in the church of St. Mary Magdalene at Lincoln on a given date.[2] There is no record of the actual holding of the visitation. John Southam was still official-principal in 1417,[3] but owing to his numerous other duties his work had sometimes to be delegated. On December 8th, 1415, Repingdon commissioned William Burton to preside in the consistory court during the absences of the official-principal, to hear and determine ecclesiastical suits, settle appeals, and to do all else required by law.[4] William Burton was still president of the court in 1417/18 and in 1420.[5] The court's seal is mentioned several times in the Memoranda.[6]

The ordinary jurisdiction exercised through the official-principal did not supersede the bishop's ordinary jurisdiction, which could be exercised wherever he happened to be. Acting in his judicial capacity, *iudicialiter pro tribunali*, Repingdon heard cases and delivered judgment in the chapel or principal room of his residence, or in a monastic house or parish church. Proper formality was always observed on these occasions, and the bishop's decisions were attested by eminent ecclesiastics, laymen and notaries. Sitting thus judicially, Repingdon examined and executed papal letters, inquired into and nullified a chantry foundation, received the purgations of criminous clerks, investigated a rector's title to his benefice, heard the complaints brought by the chapter against Dean Macworth, and determined disputes concerning the payment of tithes.[7] The dispute concerning the boundaries of the parishes of Tattershall and Kirkby on Bain was taken to the court of Canterbury, and the court's judgment was subsequently ratified by the bishop, dean and chapter of Lincoln.[8]

In the ordinary routine work of the diocese the bishop was assisted by commissaries to whom he delegated general or specific administrative and judicial powers. In a diocese as extensive as that of Lincoln, the office of commissary was of the highest importance, and the commissaries appointed by Repingdon were usually

[1] ff. 20v, 42, 62 (undated, but probably 1412). [2] f. 62. [3] f. 180.

[4] f. 138v. William Burton had been commissioned to preside in the consistory court by Archbishop Chichele during his visitation of Lincoln diocese in 1411. I. J. Churchill, *Canterbury Administration*, II, p. 146.

[5] Memo. f. 198; Reg. Fleming, f. 214. Mrs. Arthur Owen recently found some consistory court documents, c. 1420, among the Dean and Chapter's Archives, mounted in a large portfolio by Prebendary Wickenden. (D. and C., A/1/14, pp. 155 *et seq.*) They include procedural documents and citations issued by William Burton, described as *presidens cons' Lincoln'*.

[6] e.g. Memo. ff. 56, 141v, 198. [7] ff. 20v, 32v, 39v, 100. [8] f. 75.

men of ability and experience; they included Southam, Duffeld, Hethe, Brouns, Pryce and other members of the chapter, and the heads of some of the larger religious houses. The Memoranda illustrates the varied nature of the commissaries' work; they were commissioned to collect subsidies,[1] to prove wills,[2] to hear defamatory or matrimonial suits,[3] to proceed against negligent officials, suspected heretics or vagrant monks,[4] to examine books believed to contain heretical opinions,[5] to settle ecclesiastical disputes,[6] and to deputize for the bishop in his visitations of religious houses or of the cathedral chapter.[7] During the last few years of the episcopate, much greater use was made of rectors and vicars as commissaries, particularly in matters concerning the laity, and judging by the detailed reports which they returned to the bishop, they seem to have carried out their duties most conscientiously.[8]

There is evidence in the register that at this period the offices of sequestrator and commissary-general were sometimes combined,[9] and there is no clear distinction between their duties, although the district in which a sequestrator might exercise his jurisdiction is usually specified. The sequestrators, who were appointed from among the regular or secular clergy with general or specific powers of inquiry and correction, assisted in the collection of subsidies,[10] proved wills,[11] heard matrimonial suits[12] and sequestered rents;[13] they were sometimes responsible for the citation of heretics[14] and of non-resident clergy[15] and for the appointment of penitentiaries;[16] they could grant absolution from a sentence of excommunication[17] or inquire into the circumstances of the burial of a suicide;[18] they held inquiries into the union of livings[19] or the unfitness of a rector to carry out his spiritual duties,[20] and provided chaplains to take the services where the parish clergy were overworked or absent.[21] They frequently acted with the archdeacons or their officials as well as with the commissaries. An entry in 1416 records the citation of all the sequestrators and archdeacons' officials in the diocese to appear before the bishop at Stamford in order to deliberate concerning methods of probate; seven sequestrators are named, for the archdeaconries of Oxford and Buckingham, Huntingdon and Bedford, Northampton, Leicester, Stow, the

[1] f. 162v. [2] ff. 140v, 141. [3] ff. 39, 191v. [4] ff. 97, 100, 161.
[5] f. 152v. [6] f. 149. [7] ff. 152v, 153, 190, 191, 193v.
[8] e.g. ff. 191, 198.
[9] e.g. William Colston, rector of St. Aldate's, Oxford, was appointed as sequestrator and commissary-general in the archdeaconries of Oxford and Buckingham, and John Hooton was similarly appointed for the Parts of Lindsey and the deanery of Holland. f. 196.

Cf. ff. 63, 101v. See Colin Morris, "The Commissary of the Bishop in the Diocese of Lincoln", in *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, vol. X, no. 1 (April 1959), pp. 50–66.

[10] f. 115. [11] ff. 48v, 53, 101v. [12] f. 186. [13] ff. 26, 152v.
[14] f. 199. [15] ff. 4, 116v, 120, 130v, 156v. [16] ff. 26, 26v.
[17] f. 161v. [18] f. 172v. [19] ff. 166v, 171. [20] f. 72.
[21] ff. 26, 26v, 130, 130v, 152v, 182v, 185v, 204.

city of Lincoln and Parts of Kesteven, and the deanery of Holland and Parts of Lindsey.[1] It was usual to group certain archdeaconries together and to subdivide the archdeaconry of Lincoln in this way for administrative purposes.

In the absence of records, we know little of the procedure in the archidiaconal courts, and the Memoranda gives us only fragmentary glimpses of the archdeacons' work. Their functions were primarily judicial, administrative and financial, and, as in other dioceses, were normally committed to their officials, the archdeacons themselves being fully occupied with other diocesan or episcopal affairs or with more worldly pursuits. They had little interest in the parishes in their archdeaconries, and little sense of spiritual responsibility so far as their own benefices were concerned.[2] The archdeacons of Oxford, Stow and Huntingdon were in almost continuous residence at Lincoln, and their visits to their archdeaconries must have been rare if, indeed, they took place at all. The archdeacon of Northampton was also chancellor of the University of Oxford. There is some evidence that Henry Welles, archdeacon of Lincoln, occasionally visited certain parts of his archdeaconry,[3] but as his relations with Repingdon seem to have been far from harmonious it is probable that his periodic interest in the remoter districts under his jurisdiction coincided with the occasions on which the bishop required his presence in Lincoln.[4] The archdeacons customarily performed their duties through their officials, of whom the most important was the official of Lincoln; it was he who received archiepiscopal, episcopal and royal mandates and transmitted them to the officials of Northampton, Leicester, Oxford, Buckingham, Bedford, Huntingdon, and Stow for publication.[5] An important part of the work of the officials was the collection of subsidies;[6] they also issued proclamations for the trial of criminous clerks,[7] proved wills,[8] and had their own seals of office. There are several instances in the Memoranda of the negligence of these officials. The official of Huntingdon was cited in 1413 for the non-execution of a writ for Convocation, and the official of Leicester for the non-execution of a writ for Parliament.[9] Serious arrears in the payment of the subsidy of 4d. in the £ for the expenses of delegates at the Council of Pisa, and justifiable complaints by the archbishop in 1416, caused Repingdon to hold inquiries throughout the diocese as to the methods of collection and payment, and some interesting facts came to light.[10] It appeared that the official of Huntingdon was studying at the University of Cambridge, which was outside the jurisdiction of the bishop of Lincoln, and no accounts were available.

[1] f. 162.
[2] See A. Hamilton Thompson, *The English Clergy and their Organization in the Later Middle Ages*, p. 63.
[3] Memo. ff. 96, 160.
[4] f. 198v.
[5] e.g. ff. 4v, 50, 172v, 203v.
[6] e.g. f. 150v.
[7] e.g. ff. 21v, 59, 60, 64v, 205 *et passim*.
[8] f. 9v.
[9] ff. 97, 100.
[10] f. 150v.

The officials of Lincoln and Buckingham had died since their appointment as collectors, and although the accounts kept by the former were produced by his executors and forwarded to the archbishop, the executors of the official of Buckingham failed to appear and were excommunicated. The officials of Northampton and Bedford, having no valid excuse for their negligence, were summoned before the bishop for contempt. On the other hand, the officials were occasionally distinguished by an excess of zeal; thus, the official of Leicester usurped the bishop's rights in a case of probate, and the official of Lincoln was rebuked for pronouncing a sentence of excommunication although not authorized to do so.[1] It is clear that Repingdon made some attempt to supervise their activities and to institute disciplinary measures when necessary. In 1417 he expressed his grave concern at the shortcomings of archdeacons and their officials, and denounced their notorious slothfulness, negligence and preoccupation with worldly affairs instead of with their spiritual duties.[2] The officials' names are not always given, but it is probable that some of them were men of considerable substance and local influence, as, for example, Robert Newby, rector of Whitchurch and official of the archdeacon of Oxford, whose will shows him to have been possessed of many valuable household goods and lands, in addition to money, jewels and plate.[3]

Information concerning the work of the rural deans is meagre, but there is evidence that they helped the bishop and his commissaries in minor administrative and disciplinary matters and that they had powers of general supervision over the parish clergy and church buildings in their deaneries. They published general mandates and citations, received the purgations of criminous clerks, reported on dilapidations, collected the fruits of vacant livings, and held local inquiries into miscellaneous matters ranging from the pollution of burial-grounds to the prevalence of usury.[4] Although not of sufficient importance to have their names recorded, the rural deans possessed their own seals of office, and many of these are mentioned in the Memoranda.[5] Unlike the archdeacons' officials, the rural deans seem to have carried out their duties conscientiously and competently.

Much of the pastoral work of the bishop could only be delegated to persons in episcopal orders, and Repingdon was assisted by suffragan bishops who were the titular heads of financially unproductive Irish sees or sees *in partibus infidelium*. Some of these suffragans appear to have been permanent helpers in the diocese, as, for example, William Bellers, "Soltoniensis", who was commissioned in 1410[6] and was still holding office in 1414, 1416, 1417 and 1418.[7] John Crancroyt, "Ancoradensis", and Richard, bishop

[1] ff. 66, 199v. [2] f. 173v. [3] ff. 98v.–99.
[4] e.g. ff. 168v, 187, 192v, 197, 199, 200v, 205.
[5] e.g. ff. 29, 129v, 143v, 165, 187v, 188v. [6] f. 44v. See *infra*, p. 178, note 1.
[7] ff. 115v, 118, 169, 183, 199.

of Dromore, were both acting as suffragans in 1409,[1] John Sewale, "Surronensis" or "Surriensis", in 1414 and 1415,[2] John Greyby, "Stephanensis", in 1418,[3] and Thomas Butler, bishop of Chrysopolis, in 1419.[4] The suffragan bishops performed those duties for which episcopal orders were necessary; they held confirmations and ordinations, conferred benediction on the newly elected heads of religious houses, received professions from those entering into the religious life, consecrated church ornaments and vestments, and reconciled polluted churches or burial-grounds.[5] The suffragan might hold a general commission or one which limited him to a particular function or district, as when the bishop of Chrysopolis was directed to confirm adults and children in the archdeaconries of Bedford and Buckingham and in parts of Hertfordshire.[6] Repingdon usually insisted on a detailed report from the suffragan, to ensure that he carried out his duties with the necessary dignity and ceremony.

The bishop was also assisted in his spiritual duties by specially appointed penitentiaries, who were authorized to give absolution in all cases, even, in special circumstances, those which were normally reserved to the bishop ; the usual form of commission in such cases is given in a formulary letter.[7] Among the large number of appointments recorded in the Memoranda, some were for the diocese as a whole,[8] but the majority were for particular districts, such as a specific parish or deanery, or a group of deaneries, or for one or more archdeaconries.[9] Occasionally the appointment carried with it a licence to preach. The authority to appoint penitentiaries might be delegated to sequestrators, as in the archdeaconry of Northampton and the deanery of Holland and Parts of Lindsey in 1408.[10] By far the greater number of penitentiaries came from among the secular clergy, rectors, vicars and chaplains,[11] but Repingdon also issued several commissions to members of the regular orders ; the prior of Chacombe, for example, held office in the deanery of Brackley, a Franciscan friar of Stamford in the deaneries of Peterborough, Oundle, Rutland and Stamford, and another Franciscan for the archdeaconry of Bedford.[12] In 1408, a Franciscan friar from Cologne was permitted to absolve any of his fellow-countrymen who might be passing through or staying in the town of Boston.[13] A Dominican friar was granted permission to absolve twenty persons of his own choice in any part of the diocese.[14] A few dispensations to friars

[1] ff. 43, 35v. *Infra*, p. 169, note 1.

[2] ff. 115v, 129v. In 1417 he held an ordination service at St. Albans Abbey. *The St. Albans Chronicle*, ed. V. H. Galbraith, p. 103.

[3] Memo. f. 198.

[4] f. 189v. He was also commissioned by Archbishop Chichele in March, 1420, to reconcile polluted churches in Lincoln diocese. *Reg. Chichele*, IV, p. 73. Dates of the activities of suffragans in Lincoln diocese given in the Memoranda are additional to those recorded in the *Handbook of British Chronology* (2nd ed.), ed. F. M. Powicke and E. B. Fryde, pp. 267, 268, 270.

[5] e.g. Memo. ff. 35v, 43, 115v, 118, 183, 198.

[6] f. 189v.

[7] f. 6.

[8] e.g. ff. 15v, 42.

[9] ff. 6, 26, 26v.

[10] ff. 26, 26v.

[11] e.g. ff. 13, 14v, 15, 25, 27, 71.

[12] ff. 13v, 10v, 14.

[13] f. 26v.

[14] f. 16.

to hear confessions were granted in accordance with the constitution *Super Cathedram*.[1]

The greater part of the Memoranda consists of miscellaneous business, such as the granting of letters dimissory; licences for the holding of services in dependent chapels or for chapels or oratories in private households, licences for non-residence, preaching, and the celebration of anniversaries; indulgences; dispensations for illegitimacy or for marriage within the prohibited degrees; appropriation deeds; chantry foundations; records of the trial of criminous clerks, and disciplinary measures against the laity. Such entries are similar in their general form to those in the printed registers of other dioceses, but a few special points of interest may be noted. Letters dimissory are usually issued in general terms for promotion to all orders; very few specify deacon's or priest's orders. The number of licences to clergy of all ranks to celebrate anniversaries in order to supplement their slender resources confirms the impression of widespread poverty in Lincoln diocese as elsewhere; resident rectors, vicars, chantry chaplains and masters of hospitals alike pleaded that their benefices were insufficient to support them owing to rising costs and diminishing revenues.[2] Occasionally there were special circumstances, as when a rectory was destroyed by fire and the rector involved in unforeseen expenses.[3] Sometimes other means of augmenting clerical incomes were sought; churches were put to farm, and the parish clergy found more lucrative positions as chaplains in private households; chancels and parsonages fell into disrepair, the duties of hospitality and almsgiving were neglected and illegal fees taken from the parishioners. Vicars of appropriated churches were often in the worst financial position.[4] On the other hand, there is evidence in the wills that some of the beneficed clergy were men of substance, who bequeathed comparatively large amounts of money and owned land in more than one diocese.[5] An exception was William Kirkby, late rector of Knighton in Salisbury diocese, who left very little either in money or in kind, and whose executors had to make reparation for his neglect in carrying out necessary repairs to the church and church properties.[6]

The Memoranda contains a large number of licences for non-residence; the majority were for the purpose of study at a *studium generale*, and were normally for three years in the first instance. One of Repingdon's primary aims was to strengthen the Church by raising the standard of clerical education, and further study was always encouraged; this was in full accordance with the policy of Archbishop Chichele. Yet the number of such licences does not indicate any great change in the general standard of learning, for even if an incumbent could make provision for the cure of souls

[1] ff. 10, 10v, 16v, 36v, 39, 139v.

[2] e.g. ff. 7v, 22, 27v, 29, 32, 42, 43v, 49, 55v, 56v, 108v, 118, 130, 152, 154v, 169v, 198v, 201v. Examples are too numerous to be cited in full.

[3] f. 55v. [4] *Infra*, p. xxx. [5] *Infra*, p. xlvi. [6] ff. 46v, 49.

during his absence, little could be achieved in three years at a university beyond some further general education which did not include theology, and the permission was rarely extended to five or seven years. At the end of his episcopate, Repingdon was still gravely concerned about the lack of proper qualifications and low standard of literacy among ordained clergy,[1] and instances could still occur, as at Harringworth, where the vicar pleaded ignorance as the cause of irregularities in the service.[2] There does not seem to have been any indiscriminate granting of study licences. In 1412, Repingdon expressed some doubt as to the authenticity of a dispensation for five years' study which the rector of Addlethorpe claimed to have received in 1408, and the case was thoroughly investigated before the rector was allowed to continue with his studies.[3] The licences were normally granted to the secular clergy; the licence for three years' study issued to the prior of Breedon in 1418 was exceptional, and conditional on adequate provision for the needs of the priory during his absence.[4]

Occasionally an incumbent was permitted to be absent from his benefice for other reasons, as, for example, to enter the service of the king, the papal collector, a nobleman, an archdeacon, or, most often, a bishop.[5] The rector of Kettlethorpe was granted a licence for two years' non-residence in 1411 in order that he might visit Rome.[6] When the rector of Higham Gobion received permission to farm his church for three years, the sequestrator for Bedford was directed not to take proceedings against him for non-residence, but no explanation was given.[7] Throughout his episcopate Repingdon was much concerned to check unlicensed non-residence, and disciplinary measures included general monitions to the clergy of the diocese, citations of offenders in the archdeaconries of Buckingham, Oxford and Leicester, where the practice was most prevalent,[8] and proceedings against individual parish priests who were absent without legitimate cause, neglecting their spiritual responsibilities and allowing their churches and rectories to fall into ruinous condition through lack of repairs.[9] In cases of prolonged absenteeism, inquiries were held and provision made for the cure of souls;[10] in one such case, it was reported that the vicar was in custody.[11] Sometimes parochial duties were neglected because the incumbent was ill, blind, aged or overworked; the circumstances were carefully investigated and one or more assistant chaplains appointed.[12] The chaplain who was appointed to assist the rector of St. Mary's, Bedford, in 1410, was responsible not only for helping with the services but also for looking after the rector's property, providing for him during his lifetime, and keeping his accounts.[13] Sometimes the assistant did not meet with the approval of the

[1] f. 191. Cf. f. 163. [2] f. 197. [3] f. 66v. [4] f. 201v.
[5] ff. 1, 9, 14, 15, 105v, 163v. [6] f. 55v. [7] f. 15. [8] ff. 4, 120, 130v, 156v.
[9] e.g. ff. 178–178v. [10] e.g. ff. 26, 26v, 100v, 130, 145v, 153.
[11] f. 60v. [12] e.g. ff. 72, 132v, 162, 169v, 205. [13] f. 45v.

parishioners, as at Abbot's Ripton, where the chaplain, for reasons which are not specified, was opposed and hindered in the performance of his duties.[1] In one case where a rector, although resident, refused to administer the sacraments to a parishioner, an inquiry was held by the bishop.[2]

It is clear from the Memoranda that one of Repingdon's principal aims was to ensure the proper provision of regular services in all parts of the diocese by resident clergy of a fair degree of education; another aim was to raise the standard of orthodox preaching in order to bring the Church into closer touch with the needs of the people and to counteract the widespread Lollard influence.[3] This, again, was fully in accordance with the policy of Archbishop Chichele. Himself a preacher of repute and the author of model sermons and homilies,[4] Repingdon consistently supported the promotion of able preachers,[5] and issued a large number of preaching licences, some for the diocese as a whole and some for particular districts. The distribution of these licences is interesting; the majority were issued for the archdeaconry of Oxford, the next highest number for the archdeaconries of Buckingham and Northampton, where the Lollard movement had many supporters, and the smallest number for the archdeaconry of Bedford. The recipients were mostly seculars, but a fairly high proportion of friars were licensed. The preaching licences granted in 1411 and in 1417 to two monks of Peterborough were unusual.[6] Most of those licensed to preach held the degree of bachelor or master of arts; during the later years of the episcopate the names of scholars or bachelors of theology occur more frequently.[7] Preaching by unlicensed or unqualified persons or in unauthorized places was rigorously repressed,[8] and where such a practice was widespread, as in the town and neighbourhood of Oxford in 1416, steps were taken to examine the qualifications of all preachers.[9]

The bishop's care to provide for the spiritual needs of the laity is further illustrated by the number of licences granted for the celebration of services or the consecration of burial-grounds in dependent chapels in hamlets and isolated districts where the parish church was some distance away and communications difficult.[10] The rights of the mother-church were customarily safeguarded by the proviso that the inhabitants of the hamlet must attend parish services on feast-days and other special occasions, and must pay their share of contributions to the upkeep of the fabric. At Chilton, the

[1] f. 169v. [2] f. 161v. [3] *infra*, p. xxxiv *et seq.*

[4] *Catalogue of the Manuscripts in Lincoln Cathedral Chapter Library*, ed. R. M. Woolley, p. 6, no. 10; *Catalogue of the Manuscripts in the Chapter Library of Worcester Cathedral*, ed. J. K. Floyer and S. G. Hamilton, Worc. Hist. Soc., XXI (1906), p. 61; G. R. Owst, *Preaching in Medieval England*, p. 9, and *Literature and Pulpit in Medieval England*, pp. xvii (n. 2), 81, 394 (n. 1); John Bale, *Index Britannicæ Scriptorum*, ed. R. L. Poole, p. 324. Cf. Emden, *loc. cit.*

[5] Memo. ff. 5, 11, 71, 164v, 168. [6] ff. 56v, 162v.

[7] e.g. ff. 128v, 161v, 168, 182v. [8] ff. 2, 11, 71, 173. [9] f. 164v.

[10] e.g. ff. 31, 48, 56v, 58, 101v–102, 140v, 154v, 168–168v, 184v–185, 204.

inhabitants were responsible for certain repairs and for the provision of books, vestments, chalice and bells in the parish church.[1] Provision was also made when necessary for the holding of services in churches before consecration, and pending decisions as to pollution.[2] No annulments of parishes are recorded. Two unions of livings were sanctioned, on the grounds of lack of parishioners and diminishing financial resources ; each case is very fully investigated and recorded.[3]

Many of the licences in the first part of the Memoranda are for the celebration of divine services in private chapels or oratories in manor houses, rectories, religious houses, hermitages and Oxford halls ; they occur most frequently between 1405 and 1409. They were usually valid for three years, or during the bishop's pleasure ; sometimes their duration depended on the circumstances, as in cases of illness or of temporary residence in the diocese.[4] In 1409 an oratory was permitted on condition that it should only be used in winter and in times of sickness.[5] Lady Elizabeth Beaumont received special permission to celebrate her daughter's marriage in her private chapel.[6] There are also a few licences to clergy and to laity to choose their own confessors.[7] In 1413, Thomas Brouns was permitted to hear confessions in the household of the Queen,[8] and a similar licence was granted to John Verney, a Franciscan friar, for the duration of the Queen's stay in Lincoln diocese.[9]

Indulgences occur much less frequently than in earlier episcopal registers, and are of relatively little interest. They were granted for contributions towards the repair of dilapidated church buildings, ruined belfrys or churches destroyed by fire ; for the building of chapels and the maintenance of roads and bridges ; and for the proper performance of special prayers and processions.[10] An indulgence was promised to those who gave alms to John Cresswell, a hermit, "*yconomo et receptori operis viarum et vicorum ac publicorum itinerarium*" in the town and neighbourhood of Louth,[11] and another to those who recited the Lord's Prayer and the *Ave Maria* before the altar of the Holy Trinity in Hitchin parish church.[12] The register includes an indulgence granted by Archbishop Arundel in 1410 for contributions towards the work of the Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem for the maintenance of Christianity against the Turks.[13]

The appropriation of parish churches to religious houses and collegiate foundations continued during the early fifteenth century, and several deeds are fully recorded in the Memoranda, in the usual form.[14] There are also numerous lengthy indentures con-

[1] f. 101v, and cf. f. 204. [2] ff. 16v, 29v, 125. [3] ff. 117, 166v–167v, 193v.
[4] e.g. ff. 7v, 15v, 27v, 29. [5] f. 42v. [6] f. 178v.
[7] e.g. ff. 9, 11v, 12v, 16v, 27v. [8] f. 71.
[9] f. 163v. [10] ff. 3v, 23v, 36v, 37, 44v, 45v, 55v, 61.
[11] f. 58v. [12] f. 75. [13] f. 44v.
[14] e.g. ff. 50, 76–77v, 134–135v, 164v–165.

cerning the payments of pensions to the bishop for the appropriated churches,[1] and several accounts of disputes as to parochial boundaries and the payment of tithes.[2] Many licences were granted for the farming of appropriated churches.[3] At the same time, some attempt was made to diminish the worst evils of the appropriation system, to ensure the payment of vicars' stipends and their right to small offerings, the adequate provision of divine services, the repair of church buildings and care for the poor of the parish. Such clauses in the appropriation deeds were not merely a matter of common form, but varied in each case. The prior and convent of Bisham Montague in the diocese of Salisbury were directed to make adequate provision for all the spiritual needs of the parish of East Claydon.[4] When the church of Bledlow was appropriated to the royal free chapel of St. Stephen's, Westminster, it was stipulated that part of the fruits should be used for the maintenance of a perpetual vicar, who was to be responsible for the payment of episcopal and other dues.[5] The prior and convent of Nocton Park were cited for not paying the full stipend to the vicar of Dunston,[6] and the prior and convent of Frieston for impeding the vicar of Butterwick from receiving oblations, altar dues and small offerings at the cross of Butterwick in accordance with his customary rights.[7] Two documents of especial interest are the ordinances relating to the position of the vicars of Felmersham and Theddlethorpe. The former was drawn up by the bishop in 1406, after he had held a full investigation into the circumstances, at the request of the rectors (the warden and fellows of King's Hall, Cambridge) and of the vicar.[8] Having received a report on the value of the living, the bishop directed that the rectors should pay 26s. 8d. yearly, in two instalments, for the vicar's stipend. Greater tithes were to go to the rectors, lesser tithes and small offerings to the vicar, who was to be responsible for the payment of procurations, synodals and other dues, and for the provision of bread, wine, wax and oil in the mother church and dependent chapels, also for the repair of church ornaments. It was further directed that the vicar should dwell in the part of the rectory which included the main room, or hall, and should own an adjoining piece of land, of which the measurements were given in detail, and which was to be enclosed by a wall or ditch.[9] The ordinance concerning the vicarage at Theddlethorpe, ratified by the bishop in 1412, provided much more generously for the vicar. It stated that he should receive an annual stipend of twelve marks, together with the lesser tithes, mortuary dues and small offerings, and that a vicarage should be provided near the church, with one large room and two smaller ones, stables

[1] e.g. ff. 41, 67v–68, 73, 96v, 136–136v, 137, 143v, 152, 168v.

[2] Some of these accounts give interesting details of local topography, e.g. ff. 149–149v.

[3] e.g. ff. 7v, 10v, 13v, 22v, 23, 29, 49 *et passim.*

[4] f. 50.

[5] ff. 76–76v.

[6] f. 169v.

[7] ff. 171–171v.

[8] ff. 19v–20.

[9] *Ibid.*

and other outbuildings, and a garden ; the vicar was to be responsible for the payment of episcopal and archidiaconal dues and of subsidies, and for the repair of the chancel.[1]

Several entries record the episcopal confirmation of chantry foundations, including the endowment of a chantry by Mary, widow of William Hervy, in the Newarke collegiate church at Leicester,[2] and foundations in memory of John, late duke of Lancaster, and his wives Blanche and Constance, at Leicester and Legbourne.[3] A foundation at Kirkby Green, near Scopwick, was ratified in 1412.[4] On the other hand, a chantry at South Kelsey was annulled after an inquiry had been held by Repingdon because of irregularities in its foundation.[5]

The most important document in this group is the very full account of the endowment in 1412 of a chantry in Chalgrave parish church in memory of Robert Braybrooke, late bishop of London, and Nigel Loring, knight.[6] It was a lengthy and complicated affair, and every stage in the proceedings was carefully recorded. In August, 1409, Pope Alexander V notified the archbishop of Canterbury of a petition received from the executors of Robert Braybrooke.[7] The petition stated that the late Sir Nigel Loring, who died before he could carry out his intention of establishing a chantry at Chalgrave, had appointed Bishop Braybrooke as his executor; the bishop, at his own expense, provided for the celebration of services by three chaplains over a period of some years, and after his death the chaplains were maintained by his executors. However, finding themselves unable to found a permanent chantry, the executors now proposed to resign and, with the royal licence, to give the fruits of the church of St. Mary Magdalene at Offley, of which they were patrons, to be applied to the endowment of the chantry at Chalgrave. The pope directed the archbishop to take steps to found the chantry, to ratify the appropriation of Offley church, and to draw up statutes regulating the duties and conduct of the chaplains, and the right of presentation to the vicarage on the resignation or death of the present rector. The archbishop commissioned his official, Henry Ware, to hold inquiries and to execute the papal mandate. Ware proceeded, with little delay, to cite all the parties concerned, namely, the bishop, dean and chapter of Lincoln, the archdeacon of Huntingdon, and the rector and vicar of Offley, or their proctors. Repingdon's proctor was appointed on June 5th, 1410. The circumstances were thoroughly investigated and the full case for the executors put before the archbishop, who finally confirmed the foundation on August 22nd, 1411, and drew up the necessary ordinances. Repingdon's formal ratification was dated March 24th, 1412.[8]

[1] f. 69. [2] ff. 18v–19. [3] ff. 57v, 58. [4] ff. 62v–63.
[5] ff. 39v–41. [6] ff. 81–95. *Supra*, p. xv.
[7] There is an abstract of the papal letter in *Cal. Pap. Lett.* VI, p. 154.
[8] Memo. f. 95.

There is some evidence as to the poverty and negligence of chantry chaplains. Many sought to augment their incomes by the celebration of anniversaries, and sometimes services were neglected for many years because the resources of a chantry were insufficient to pay even a quarter of a chaplain's salary.[1] Two chantry chaplains at Bulwick were exempted by the bishop from paying for repairs because of their poverty.[2] The chaplain at Kirkby Green received a stipend of eight marks a year, but out of that he had to bear the expenses of the upkeep of the chantry, including the provision and renewal of vestments, missal, portiforium, chalice and other necessities.[3] On the other hand, the chaplain at the Newarke collegiate church, Leicester, received accommodation as well as eight marks a year, and the vestments, books, and chalice were provided for him.[4]

Despite Repingdon's measures for the efficient administration of the diocese and his constant care to strengthen orthodoxy, to make provision for the spiritual needs of the laity and to enforce discipline and encourage higher educational standards among the clergy, the Memoranda, like other contemporary registers, gives a general impression of laxity among both ecclesiastics and laymen, and suggests a widespread tendency to countenance unorthodoxy in thought and behaviour. Some of Repingdon's earliest and most forceful mandates were directed against clerical negligence, immorality, irreverence, slothfulness and other abuses;[5] yet at the end of his episcopate these abuses were still prevalent, and the problem of how to enforce the bishop's mandates, monitions and injunctions was no nearer to a solution. Many scattered bits of evidence help to build up a general picture of conditions in Lincoln diocese; ignorance, irresponsibility and lack of discipline were found in all districts, in town and country parishes, among clergy and laity alike. There is space to mention only a few typical instances.

Dissensions among the members of the chapter caused grave disorder in the cathedral itself; riots and brawling took place before the high altar, services were neglected, there was general ignorance of and lack of interest in the customs of the church, and discipline among the *ministri inferiores* was difficult to enforce.[6] Priests and chaplains at Lincoln were admonished for non-attendance or irreverence during the customary processions on feast-days and especially on Corpus Christi Day and the following Sunday.[7] Evidence of similar irresponsibility and negligence is found in many parishes, and relations between clergy and laity were frequently far from cordial. Lawlessness and anti-clericalism took many forms. At Towcester in the archdeaconry of Northampton the presence of laity in the chancel of the parish church interfered with the services,

[1] ff. 54–55, 171. [2] f. 154. [3] f. 62v. [4] ff. 18v–19.
[5] e.g. ff. 2, 11, 98v, 131. [6] ff. 45v–46v, 152v–153. *Infra*, p. xli.
[7] ff. 173v, 183v, 203v.

and repeated episcopal monitions seem to have been ineffective.[1] Burial-grounds were desecrated, buildings despoiled, and church property stolen; at Walgrave, twenty parishioners, inspired, as they themselves said, by avarice, and possessed by a spirit of madness, were cited for the theft of timber from the burial-ground while the living was vacant.[2] Elsewhere, an assistant chaplain was obstructed in the performance of his duties by the hostility of his parishioners.[3] At Abbot's Ripton offerings towards the maintenance of the holy water clerk were withheld,[4] and at Swineshead the customary fees for a burial service were refused.[5] It was reported to the bishop that at Wendover certain persons openly defied ecclesiastical laws, encouraged the non-payment of tithes, and enticed the parishioners from mass on Sundays.[6] Inquiries in the deanery of the Christianity of Leicester revealed the widespread celebration of the irreverent practice of "Glutton-mass" on the festivals of Our Lady.[7] Only one case of witchcraft is recorded, although in 1406 the king's council directed Repingdon to inquire into reports of the prevalence of sorcery and unorthodoxy in the diocese.[8] It was during inquiries in the archdeaconries of Huntingdon and Bedford in 1416/17 that John Smith of Alconbury was accused of practising necromancy, sorcery and illicit "*coniuraciones*", and of invoking evil spirits; there is a full account of his activities, and of his defence.[9]

In a diocese of the size of Lincoln, and at a time of so much social disorder and religious unrest, it is not surprising to find that the Memoranda includes many records of the trials of criminous clerks, including ill-disciplined clerks who took to crime and miscellaneous offenders who claimed clerkship.[10] These appear with increasing frequency during the later years of the episcopate, and many of the records relate particularly to offences committed within the archdeaconry of Oxford. The poverty of many country parishes, lack of discipline at the University, and general unrest due to Lollard activities were factors which probably contributed towards clerical lawlessness in the Midlands. Clerks appeared before the king's justices on charges of housebreaking, theft, assault and homicide, and after proving their clerkship[11] they were delivered to the bishop's prison to await trial by purgation before the bishop or his commissaries. The usual number of compurgators was twelve, but Thomas Ward, who was charged with robbery and murder on the king's highway in 1407, produced fifteen compurgators, including several well-known churchmen, to support him in his plea of "not guilty".[12] After a careful examination of his case, the bishop

[1] ff. 159v, 162, 165, 175. [2] ff. 197v–198; cf. ff. 180, 192v.
[3] f. 169v. [4] f. 182v. [5] f. 199v. [6] f. 180. [7] f. 196.
[8] *Ord. Priv. Co.*, I, p. 288, n. 3; *Fœdera*, VIII, p. 427. [9] Memo. ff. 177–177v.
[10] e.g. ff. 21v, 60, 64, 68v, 143v, 170, 187–187v, 192, 200, 202–3, 205, 207.
[11] ". . . dicet se clericum esse et tradito ei libro per curia legit ut clericus".
[12] f. 21v.

acquitted him and "*ipsum sue bone fame quantum in ipso erat restituit per decretum*". There are several examples of shocking delay in the bringing of accused clerks before the bishop. In 1412, when notice was given of the forthcoming trial of two clerks, one had been in custody in Banbury castle since July, 1400, on a charge of stealing a black horse valued at eight shillings, the other since November, 1388, on a charge of stealing a robe worth forty pence,[1] and it was not until 1418 that a proclamation was made of the trial for theft of a clerk who had been committed to the bishop's prison at Lincoln in 1409.[2] One of the last entries in the Memoranda is a vivid account of the activities of one William Clerk, variously described as clerk, Irishman, yeoman, labourer and "organer'", who in the autumn of 1415 enjoyed a meteoric career of crime in the counties of Norfolk and Lincoln, and was pursued from township to township by those whom he had attacked and robbed, before being finally brought to justice and found guilty on numerous charges of theft, housebreaking and robbery with violence.[3]

It was, however, with Lollardy that Repingdon was primarily concerned, yet, considering the prevalence of Lollardy in the diocese and the prominent part played by Lollards of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire in the rising of January, 1414,[4] the information in the Memoranda is rather meagre. A month after the rising, Repingdon declared that heresy was widespread in the city and diocese of Lincoln,[5] and it is clear from other sources that Lollard doctrines were promulgated in many parts of the diocese, especially in the south and west, during the early years of the fifteenth century. One of Repingdon's first acts as bishop was to direct the abbot of Notley and the official of the archdeacon of Huntingdon to arrest false preachers who were disseminating heretical opinions in churches, chapels, private houses, and "*obscenis et indebitis locis*".[6] Between 1405 and 1413 Lollard doctrines continued to be promulgated in conventicles and circulated in tracts which were distributed secretly in many towns and country districts. Repingdon's visitation of the archdeaconry of Leicester in the early summer of 1413 revealed several cases of suspected heresy.[7] John Belgrave, one of those who were cited before the bishop, had in fact been engaged in Lollard activities since the reign of Richard II, and both he and Thomas Noveray of Illston were responsible for the systematic circulation of Lollard tracts in

[1] f. 68v; cf. f. 170. [2] f. 200. [3] ff. 202–203.

[4] See the Ancient Indictments in the Public Record Office, especially File 204, nos. 83, 91, 97, 102, 178, 180, 189, 192, and File 205, no. 21. See also the lists of pardons in *Cal. Pat. Rolls* (1413–16), pp. 261–262, 271, and in *Fœdera*, IX, pp. 119, 120, 129–30, 193–4.

[5] Memo. f. 100v. [6] ff. 2, 11.

[7] V. j/o in the Lincoln Record Office. This is the earliest surviving visitation record at Lincoln. See the article by Miss Kathleen Major on "The Lincoln Diocesan Records" in *Transactions of the Royal Historical Society*, XXII (1940), p. 60.

and around Leicester.[1] In Northamptonshire, Robert Hoke, rector of Braybrooke, was an active Lollard for many years.[2] In 1405, already "diffamed, disclaundred and suspect" of heresy, he had abjured before Repingdon in All Saints' church at Northampton and he was then enjoined to do penance in Lincoln cathedral;[3] but he had not done so, and continued to teach heretical opinions, to write and circulate heretical books in English and Latin, and to protect Lollards in his parish, for many years afterwards. Yet there is no mention of these activities in the Memoranda, and no actual cases of heresy are recorded until after the Lollard rising. An undated ordinance, probably issued in the autumn of 1413, requested the archdeacons of the diocese to hold inquiries concerning suspected heresy, as well as apostasy, non-residence, clerical concubinage and other abuses.[4] As in other contemporary registers, the trial of Oldcastle in 1413 is fully recorded.[5]

Repingdon gave his full support to the anti-heretical measures inaugurated by State and Church after Oldcastle's rising, and he continued to do his utmost to detect and exterminate heresy, although the size of the diocese rendered the work of detection particularly difficult. With his customary thoroughness, Repingdon held inquiries and visitations, beginning with the cathedral clergy. On February 8th, 1414, the dean and chapter were directed to appear before the bishop so that he might inquire concerning possible heresy;[6] Repingdon may have had some grounds for suspecting heretical tendencies, although he admitted that it was difficult to believe that such might exist among the cathedral clergy, but more probably the visitation was intended to be a purely formal proceeding. There is no record that the visitation actually took place, although the bishop was present in the chapter-house on the day fixed for the inquiry (February 19th).[7] In March, Repingdon began his inquiry into heresy at the University of Oxford,[8] the University agreeing to his visit on condition that he restricted his inquiries to matters of heresy. Again, there is no record of the results of this visitation.

It seems clear that between 1414 and 1419 Repingdon planned to hold visitations either in person or by his commissaries in every part of the diocese, for the purpose of detecting and exterminating Lollardy, although pressure of other business prevented all his plans from being carried out. Inquiries were held in the archdeaconry of Northampton in 1415.[9] In the autumn of the same year the

[1] Anc. Ind. File 204, nos. 189, 178, 180; *Select Cases in Chancery*, ed. W. P. Baildon (Selden Soc.), p. 106.

[2] *Reg. Chichele*, III, pp. 105–112. He appeared before Convocation on charges of heresy in 1414 and 1425, when he finally abjured. *Ibid.* It was while Hoke was rector of Braybrooke that copies of Wyclif's works were transcribed by Bohemian students at Braybrooke manor. *De Dominio Divino*, ed. R. L. Poole, III, p. 249, n. 1, and pp. x–xii.

[3] *Reg. Chichele*, III, p. 110. [4] *Memo.* f. 98v. [5] ff. 106–108.
[6] f. 100v. [7] ff. 100v–101. [8] f. 151. [9] f. 134.

abbot of Osney and the archdeacon of Oxford were directed to receive Oxfordshire Lollards indicted before the king's justices and to deliver them to the bishop's prison at Banbury.[1] Two priests of the diocese were charged with assisting a Lollard chaplain, John Bond, and other heretics, and giving them food, drink and shelter; both the accused abjured and did penance in Lincoln cathedral.[2] Thomas Noveray of Illston, the prominent Leicestershire Lollard who had led a rising at Leicester on January 4th, 1414,[3] and had subsequently been charged with heresy by the king's justices at Loughborough,[4] appeared before the archdeacon of Leicester and the abbot of St. Mary de Pré and was required to make purgation "*cum duodecim viribus sui gradus et status super huiusmodi oppinionibus minime suspectis*".[5] Other Lollards who are known to have taken part in the revolt are not mentioned in the register, nor is there any record of the abjuration of Thomas Drayton before the bishop's commissary, Henry Ware, at Tring in 1415,[6] nor of the case of John Barton, who was excommunicated by Repingdon in 1409 or 1410 for his non-appearance when cited to answer charges of heresy, and committed to the bishop's care after a further trial by Archbishop Chichele in 1416.[7]

After the publication of the provincial constitution against heresy in 1416,[8] further enquiries were held in Lincoln diocese. In September, 1416, the archdeacon of Leicester was directed to hold inquiries in every deanery, to examine all who had cure of souls, and to cite rectors, vicars, chaplains and four or six representatives of each parish to appear on a given day and to give information concerning suspected heretics.[9] Between November 6th and 20th each deanery was to be visited in turn by the bishop's commissaries, in the following order: Framland, Goscote, the Christianity of Leicester, Akeley, Sparkenhoe, Guthlaxton and Gartree.[10] A visitation of the archdeaconry of Lincoln was also planned.[11] Similar inquiries were held by the official of the archdeacon of Northampton[12] and by the commissary Ralph Louth in the archdeaconries of Huntingdon and Bedford.[13] These inquiries brought to light several cases of heresy. John Bagworth, vicar of Wilsford, a notorious Lollard, was found to possess many heretical writings in English and Latin; the books were burnt, and the vicar was committed to the bishop's prison.[14] Proceedings were taken against a chaplain, William Smith of Corby, for heretical opinions, including his refusal to light torches at the elevation of the Host.[15] In 1417, the abbot of St. James,

[1] ff. 133v–134. Cf. Anc. Ind. File 205, no. 21.
[2] Memo. f. 132.
[3] Anc. Ind. File 204, nos. 178, 180.
[4] *Ibid.*
[5] Memo. f. 132.
[6] *Reg. Chichele*, III, pp. 107 *seq.*
[7] *Ibid.*, pp. 15, 16.
[8] Memo. f. 156.
[9] ff. 160v–161, 165v.
[10] f. 165v. A marginal note states that the bishop was prevented by affairs of Church and State from carrying out the visitation in person. He was present at Convocation on November 9th. *Reg. Chichele*, III, p. 21.
[11] Memo. f. 166v.
[12] ff. 156v, 176v.
[13] ff. 177–177v.
[14] ff. 152v, 157v.
[15] f. 177v.

Northampton, delivered to the bishop certain unnamed persons, "*fautores, receptores et defensores*" of Oldcastle.[1] In 1418, John Langley, vicar of Pulloxhill, Bedfordshire, was charged with heresy,[2] and probably the "degenerate sons of the church" who caused disturbances at this time at Wendover were Lollard sympathisers.[3] Repingdon's alarm at the continuance of Lollardy is reflected in his mandate of 1417 forbidding the citizens of Lincoln to listen to sermons preached in English.[4]

Thus the Memoranda shows clearly that despite Repingdon's consistent attempts to strengthen orthodox religious life and to suppress heretical tendencies, Lollard doctrines continued to be promulgated in sermons, tracts and conventicles and to attract many supporters among both clergy and laity in Lincoln diocese during the first quarter of the century,[5] although it was no longer a militant force after the failure of the rising of 1414.

Entries relating to religious houses must be briefly summarized. The episcopal right to confirm elections, confer benediction, and instal the newly-elected heads of the non-exempt religious houses is more fully illustrated in the volume of Institutions, but a few elections are recorded in the Memoranda.[6] In the case of exempt houses, the bishop gave benediction and received the profession of obedience from the newly-elected abbot or prior "*salvo ordine suo*".[7] Full details are given of the benediction of the Cistercian abbot of Kirkstead in 1406.[8] The right of confirming elections could be delegated; thus, the election of the rector of Ashridge was confirmed by the prior of Dunstable and the bishop's commissary, Henry Ware.[9]

There is little direct evidence as to the state of the religious houses in Lincoln diocese at this time, but as in other dioceses the appropriation deeds give a general picture of diminishing resources and an inability to make ends meet. There are a large number of these deeds, particularly in the later part of the register; although similar in their general form they vary in detail according to particular circumstances. Economic difficulties, high taxation, the inadequacy of endowments and the inability of the religious houses to fulfil their social and charitable obligations are the reasons most usually put forward to justify the appropriation of parish churches. The abbot of Revesby, in a lengthy petition, which is typical of the majority of cases, attributed his poverty to many causes, including

[1] ff. 174–174v. [2] f. 199. [3] f. 180.

[4] f. 173 (not f. 176v–177 as *Reg. Chichele*, I, p. cxxxix).

[5] Although there are no convictions for heresy in Bishop Fleming's Register, Lollard doctrines continued to spread in the diocese during his episcopate. For cases brought before Convocation, see *Reg. Chichele*, III, pp. 105–112, 187, 188, 197. Further cases occurred towards the middle of the century. See, e.g., Bishop Alnwick's Court Book, appendix III in A. Hamilton Thompson's *English Clergy*, pp. 222–229; *Lincoln Diocesan Documents*, ed. A. Clark (E.E.T.S.), p. 93.

[6] e.g. Memo. ff. 129v, 172. [7] e.g. ff. 7, 20, 22, 64.

[8] ff. 20–20v. [9] f. 153.

floods, pestilence, unproductivity of the soil, excessive costs of production, "*serviencium paucitatem immoderataque stipendia eorundem hiis diebus*", taxes, subsidies and other payments bearing heavily on the religious orders, the expenses of hospitality and the care of the sick.[1]

Preoccupied as he was with the suppression of heresy and the condition of the secular clergy, Repingdon was less interested than his successors in the state of the religious houses. He showed that he was concerned to remedy general abuses such as apostasy and the presence of secular persons in monasteries and nunneries,[2] but he rarely visited individual houses, and the surviving records are fragmentary. His visitation of Leicester archdeaconry in 1413 was planned to include religious houses, but there is no further information in the Memoranda. Usually, the work of visitation was delegated to commissaries. In 1416, three commissaries were appointed to visit the Augustinian priory of Cold Norton and to inquire concerning alleged abuses, especially concerning the dilapidations which were the result of the prior's neglect.[3] The charges must have been proven, for in 1417 the resignation of the prior was admitted, and the election of the new prior was confirmed.[4] In June, 1417, the abbot of the Benedictine abbey of Eynsham reported to Repingdon that certain reforms had been carried out in accordance with the bishop's injunctions after a visitation by the commissary, Thomas Brouns, had revealed many defects; the abbot promised that no corrodies would be granted without the bishop's licence and that two bursars would be appointed each year to collect rents and render proper accounts.[5] Thomas Brouns also visited the Augustinian priory of Kyme and dealt with the unusual case of a monk leaving the cloister to join the Carmelite friars.[6] In 1418 three commissaries visited the Benedictine nunnery of Rowney, of which the bishop had heard bad reports.[7] The character of the prioress was not above suspicion, and there must have been definite evidence of abuses, for four months later the bishop's sequestrator in Huntingdon and Bedford was directed to supervise the resignation of the prioress, and to receive the report of the election of her successor.[8] There is only one full set of injunctions in the Memoranda; this was sent to the Augustinian prior of Thornholm after a visitation had revealed serious faults. The injunctions are undated, but probably belong to the year 1408, or perhaps earlier. The prior and brethren are enjoined to maintain peace in the priory and to avoid scandalous dissensions; there is to be better provision for the care of the sick in the infirmary; the monastery buildings are to be repaired, the estate put into good order, and an accurate inventory of goods held by the community

[1] f. 41v; cf. ff. 50, 101, 135v, 164v–165.
[2] ff. 98v, 103v, 161–161v, 193.
[3] ff. 142, 152v.
[4] ff. 172–172v, 174v.
[5] f. 193v.
[6] f. 193.
[7] f. 191.
[8] f. 200.

is to be made; certain monks are to be severely disciplined and one offender is to be confined to the cloister for one year; a barber is to be provided as soon as possible. The prior is threatened with deprivation if the reforms are not carried out.[1] These injunctions do not compare in interest with those issued two years later to the cathedral chapter.

The foundation of one hospital is recorded, the hospital called Chamberlain's Croft at Oakham, established by William Dalby, for the maintenance of twelve poor men and two chaplains.[2]

Mention should be made of two important documents relating to the University of Oxford, namely, the full citation to Repingdon's visitation of 1414,[3] and a copy of the bull of Urban V (1367) which permitted the chancellor to dispense with episcopal confirmation of his election in person, owing to the grave inconvenience entailed by his absence from the University which this necessitated.[4] There is also a copy of the indult of Boniface IX (1391) allowing the scholars of the newly-founded Winchester (New) College to be ordained to all orders without the bishop's licence.[5] More interesting to the student of early Oxford history are the references to individual halls and colleges. Oriel College is most frequently mentioned. The master and scholars of the hall of St. Mary of Oriel were licensed to farm the appropriated church of Coleby,[6] Thomas Wilton, master of arts, of Oriel, was permitted to study medicine, after an inquiry as to his suitability, in accordance with the customary right of the bishop of Lincoln to grant such a dispensation,[7] and the dean of the college "de ly oryell" was directed to admit as fellows certain scholars who were over the age prescribed by statute.[8] Bequests were made by testators to Merton Hall and University Hall.[9] Licences for private chapels or oratories were granted to the principals of Burnell's Inn, Ber Hall, Beke's Inn and Haberdasher's Hall,[10] to the scholars of Broadgates Hall and Peckwater's Inn,[11] to the Cistercian monks of Trillock's Inn,[12] and to the monks, canons and priests of Dagville's Inn.[13] In 1416, Richard Stapleton, a fellow of Balliol Hall, was licensed to preach in the archdeaconries of Oxford and Buckingham.[14]

Among the most interesting entries in the Memoranda are those which shed some light on the relations between the bishop and his cathedral chapter, for Repingdon's part in the long-standing capitular disputes at Lincoln has never received full attention. Yet his rôle was not altogether negligible. The relevant entries in the register, however, tell only half the story, and need to be supplemented by

[1] ff. 29–29v. [2] f. 183.
[3] f. 151 *seq.* Printed in *Snappe's Formulary*, pp. 181–186.
[4] Memo. f. 15. See *infra* p. 66, n. 2. [5] f. 22. [6] f. 7.
[7] ff. 71, 116v. [8] f. 175v. [9] ff. 35v, 43, 99. [10] ff. 7, 11v, 49.
[11] ff. 7v, 21. [12] f. 55v.
[13] f. 163. For the probable location of these Inns and Halls, see footnotes in the text.
[14] f. 162.

the chapter records which cover the same period.[1] It is possible here to give only a brief glance at some of the available material.

Except in the case of one or two individuals, Repingdon's relations with his chapter were harmonious, and there seem to have been mutual respect and a similarity of aims and interests. Several of the canons who bore most responsibility for chapter affairs were also those who were most closely associated with the bishop in the administration of the diocese, as, for example, John Southam, Richard Hethe and Thomas Duffeld. Although determined to achieve proper standards of worship and conduct in the cathedral church, Repingdon was tactful enough not to interfere with the special privileges of the chapter, nor to embarrass the canons by his too-frequent presence at Lincoln; they, for their part, not only accepted but sought his intervention in the prolonged controversies with the dean.

The Lincoln chapter did not enjoy the privilege of complete freedom from episcopal visitation. Towards the end of the thirteenth century the bishop's authority had been limited in practice to the appointment of dignitaries and the ratification of statutes, but by the beginning of the fifteenth century he had resumed his general visitatorial rights, although their exercise was irregular.[2] Repingdon attributed his predecessor's neglect of capitular visitation to the indult of Innocent IV which had granted to the chapter freedom from the payment of procurations.[3] In 1411 this concession was annulled by John XXIII.[4]

The date of Repingdon's first visitation is uncertain, but it must have taken place shortly before July, 1409, when John Hauberk was commissioned to hold further inquiries concerning the abuses revealed to the bishop and to take steps for their correction.[5] It was on the basis of his personal observations that Repingdon drew up, in June, 1410, twenty-six injunctions for the regulation of the conduct and duties of the ministers of the cathedral, and the full text of these injunctions is given in the Memoranda.[6] Ignorance and misunderstanding were prevalent among the cathedral clergy, as among parish priests, and Repingdon showed his awareness of one of the fundamental problems of the Church when he made his constructive suggestion for the clarification of the written and unwritten statutes and customs of Lincoln. In the first clause of

[1] Liber Sextus I and Liber Sextus II. For a fuller discussion of this subject, see my article on "Philip Repingdon, Bishop of Lincoln, and his Cathedral Chapter", in the *University of Birmingham Historical Journal*, vol. IV, no. 2 (1954), pp. 81–97.

[2] For a full account of the position of the bishop of Lincoln in relation to the chapter, see K. Edwards, *The English Secular Cathedrals in the Middle Ages*, chapter 2.

[3] *Linc. Stat.*, I, pp. 315–318. [4] Memo. f. 70; *Cal. Pap. Lett.*, VI, pp. 245, 299.

[5] Liber Sextus, II, f. 15. There is no mention of this or of any subsequent visitation by Repingdon in the list given in *Linc. Stat.*, II, p. cl, nor in the article by the late Canon G. G. Perry on "Some Episcopal Visitations of Lincoln Cathedral" in the *Archæological Journal*, XXXVIII (1881), pp. 7–8.

[6] Memo. ff. 45v–46v. They are summarized below, pp. 181–182.

the injunctions he draws attention to the non-observance of canonical oaths and the general ignorance of the usages of the cathedral church, and directs that all the statutes and customs should be clearly written down, under the joint supervision of bishop and chapter, and displayed where all might consult them.[1] Other clauses deal with the conduct of the dean, vicars-choral, clerks and choristers, the condition of the burial-ground, and general disciplinary matters. There is, however, no evidence that the injunctions were accepted by the chapter, and the abuses denounced by Repingdon in 1411 continued to disrupt cathedral life under his successors.

After 1412, the common antagonism to Dean Macworth led to a closer alliance between bishop and canons, and was the immediate cause of the episcopal visitation of the chapter which began in 1416. In the previous year it had been necessary for Repingdon to rebuke the dean for failing to observe the usages of the church and to perform his proper duties,[2] and the bishop was therefore sympathetic towards the canons' appeal to him to help in the settlement of their disputes with Macworth.[3] On August 9th, 1416, the treasurer, John Haget, formally petitioned Repingdon to hold a visitation of the chapter in order to investigate and settle the long-standing controversies, and the bishop agreed that he would do so.[4] Two days later the canons and other ministers of the cathedral church were cited to be present in the chapter-house on September 24th in order that an inquiry might be held,[5] and on August 12th the bishop's notary, Thomas Hill, was instructed to deliver the citation to the chapter and to report the canons' reply.[6] The citation was read aloud by the chapter clerk in the presence of the dean and six residentiaries, who promised to observe whatever award the bishop might pronounce.[7] This was the beginning of a visitation which seems to have extended intermittently for several years. It was prorogued in the late autumn of 1416,[8] and continued by commissaries in May, 1418.[9] On November 5th, 1418, Repingdon made a final appeal for the reform of abuses and the settlement of disputes.[10] Two months earlier the archdeacon of Lincoln, Henry Welles, had been absolved from penalties incurred for his non-appearance during the visitation.[11] Although no trace of Repingdon's promised award has been found among either the episcopal or the capitular records, there is some evidence that it was delivered early in 1417, for on July 9th of that year eight residentiaries and three non-residentiaries met in chapter and promised to obey the bishop's compromise with the dean.[12] But the dean

[1] f. 45v. [2] f. 131v. [3] See Liber Sextus, II, f. 37v.
[4] Memo. f. 153–153v. [5] f. 152v. [6] f. 153v.
[7] Liber Sextus, II, ff. 51, 79v. [8] Memo. f. 164v. [9] f. 190.
[10] ff. 201v–202. [11] f. 198v.
[12] Liber Sextus, II, f. 63. Earlier, the chapter had submitted thirteen articles of complaint against the dean to three arbitrators, Repingdon, the bishop of Durham, and Henry Ware, and these articles may have been the basis of the award. See *Linc. Stat.*, I, pp. 260–61; III, pp. 257–8.

remained unco-operative ; also, Repingdon had many other matters demanding his attention, and the chapter's problems remained unsolved.

Yet it is clear from the Memoranda that Repingdon had attempted to make some positive contribution towards the solution of these problems, by the tactful exercise of his rights of visitation, by his readiness to arbitrate in chapter disputes and by his efforts to clarify the usages of the church and to restore order and good standards of conduct and worship. At the end of his episcopate as at the beginning he was concerned with the state of affairs at Lincoln, and anxious to eliminate all factors that weakened religious life in the cathedral church, as in the diocese as a whole.

Apart from its primary value as a source for the study of religious life in the diocese of Lincoln, the Memoranda illustrates some wider aspects of English church history and has interesting side-lights on contemporary events. As in other registers, archiepiscopal mandates are usually transcribed in full and are followed by instructions in the customary form to the archdeacons or their officials. They include mandates regulating the custody of convicted clerks,[1] prescribing measures to be taken against false collectors of alms and usurers,[2] urging the stricter observance of feast-days and requesting special prayers and processions for the king's campaigns, the unity of the Church, and good weather, and for peace negotiations.[3] Such documents occupy much space and are sometimes tediously repetitive. More important are the texts of the two provincial constitutions of 1414, concerning the exercise of spiritual jurisdiction by married or bigamous clerks[4] and the probate of wills,[5] and of the constitution of 1416 which regularized the functions of the bishops in regard to proceedings against heretics.[6] There are numerous lengthy writs for Convocation,[7] and also Archbishop Chichele's citation in the autumn of 1416 of those who were absent from Convocation without reasonable excuse.[8] In two instances, in 1408 and 1410, the writs are followed by instructions from Repingdon to the clergy to meet in an appointed place and elect their proctors.[9] The mandate to attend Convocation in order to discuss letters from the delegates at the Council of Constance is fully entered.[10]

Many entries relate to the levy of clerical subsidies. Occasionally the names of the collectors appointed by Repingdon are given, but more often they are appended in a separate list which is not included in the register. In 1408, the bishop directed the collection of 1½d. in the pound for the expenses of envoys to discuss the ending of the Schism.[11] In January, 1409, 4d. in the pound was levied for the

[1] Memo. ff. 11v–12. [2] ff. 123, 197, 199.
[3] ff. 4v, 10v, 23, 49v, 64v, 96, 124, 128, 142v, 155, 160, 173v, 189, 195v, 200v, 207.
[4] f. 116. [5] f. 155v. [6] f. 156.
[7] Those which have not previously been printed are given in full in the text.
[8] f. 170–170v. Absentees included the archdeacon of Lincoln, Henry Welles.
[9] ff. 30v, 44. [10] f. 145. [11] f. 31.

expenses of proctors at Pisa, and the archbishop subsequently complained of negligence in the collection of this subsidy.[1] On November 9th, 1414, Repingdon appointed collectors for the subsidy granted for the expenses of envoys to the Council of Constance.[2] There was general reluctance to meet this demand, and the full amount was not immediately forthcoming. On December 1st the archbishop addressed a forcible reminder to the bishop of Lincoln,[3] and in April, 1415, Repingdon ordered the archdeacons to collect the money without further delay.[4] Neither archiepiscopal mandates nor episcopal monitions were effective, and a year later, when arrears were still outstanding, Repingdon directed the sequestration of goods in cases where payment was refused, and appointed his registrar, Thomas Colston, as one of the collectors.[5] The archdeacons were again reprimanded for their negligence in collection, and further mandates denounced those who had not yet paid.[6] Meanwhile, payments for the Council of Pisa were still in arrears; the inquiry held by Repingdon in 1416, which brought to light a most unsatisfactory state of affairs, has already been mentioned.[7]

It was not surprising that there was little response to the archbishop's repeated requests for money, for the king's demands also had to be met. On November 6th, 1405, Henry IV wrote to Repingdon, pointing out that despite his earlier request for an immediate aid towards the heavy expenses of his wars there had been no payment from Lincoln diocese, and he asked for the collection of the amount before November 26th.[8] For the collection of tenths and half-tenths voted by Convocation, the heads of religious houses were usually appointed in the several archdeaconries. There are no returns in the Memoranda. In 1416, in reply to Repingdon's query concerning the value of untaxed benefices in the archdeaconry of Oxford, the abbot of Eynsham and the prior of Bicester reported on the value of the parish church of St. Michael, Northgate, Oxford; it was worth only six marks a year, and was therefore not liable to taxation.[9]

There are two notices of commissions of array, in 1415 and 1418, and the procedure in 1415 is very fully recorded, probably as a model for future reference. The king's writ of May 28th was transmitted by Repingdon to the archdeacon of Lincoln with instructions to cite the clergy of the diocese to appear on July 1st at Leicester.[10] At the same time the bishop directed the president and subdean, in the absence of the dean, to array the clergy of the cathedral

[1] ff. 34, 36. [2] ff. 114v–115. [3] ff. 119v–121v. [4] f. 122v.
[5] f. 146. [6] ff. 148v, 158v, 162v, 166.
[7] f. 150v; *supra*, p. xxiii.
[8] ff. 13–13v. The earlier letter is in Liber Sextus, I, f. 20v.
[9] Memo. ff. 192v–193.
[10] f. 126. See *Cal. Close Rolls*, 1413–1419, p. 218, where it was stated that the bishop should not hold an array within the University of Oxford.

church, with all possible speed.[1] Commissions were appointed to superintend the clergy at Leicester, the bishop himself being occupied with other business.[2] The certificate later forwarded to the king gives valuable details of the array ; the total number of secular and religious clergy in array was returned by the scribe as 5,495.[3] Repingdon also addressed a mandate under his secret seal to the seneschals of his manors of Stow and Nettleham to assemble all suitable men within the demesne.[4] The final document in the group is an undated letter from the bishop to the clergy of certain deaneries, directing them to remain in array according to the numbers and description given.[5] On July 24th, 1418, Repingdon again received instructions for the array of the clergy,[6] but the date and place of this summons were entered on a separate document which is not included in the register.

Papal documents in the Memoranda, in addition to those already mentioned, include the bull of provision to Repingdon in 1404,[7] the notification of the election of Alexander V in 1409,[8] and the mandate for the Council of Constance in 1414.[9] Papal intervention in diocesan affairs at this time was slight, and licensed pluralism extremely rare. There are only five indults permitting the holding of incompatible benefices or allowing non-residence, and two of the recipients were those eminent churchmen, David Pryce and Thomas Brouns, who held important offices under both Repingdon and Archbishop Chichele.[10] A papal dispensation to hold benefices despite his youth was granted to Robert FitzHugh, son of Lord FitzHugh.[11] An episode in chapter history is illustrated by an entry recording the final stage in a lengthy dispute concerning the prebend of Leighton Manor, to which the pope had provided John Bremore in 1412 after the death of John Hauberk at Rome.[12] In September, 1412, the chapter admitted Robert Thurgarton in accordance, they claimed, with the wishes of pope and king.[13] There seems to have been a good deal of confusion. In December, 1412, John Bremore's proctor appeared before the chapter and asserted that Bremore's

[1] Memo. f. 126v. Not every member of the chapter obeyed the mandate. In August the king addressed a forceful reminder to the dean and to Henry Welles, archdeacon of Lincoln, to go at once to their cathedral church and to put themselves in array and to remain there. *Fœdera*, IX, p. 254.

[2] Memo. ff. 127–127v.

[3] f. 127v. For numbers in other dioceses, see J. H. Wylie, *Reign of Henry V*, I, p. 479, n. 6.

[4] Memo. f. 127v. Given at Sleaford "*sub sigillo nostro secreto.*"

[5] f. 128. [6] ff. 196v, 200. [7] f. 1v. [8] f. 42v.

[9] ff. 102v–103v.

[10] ff. 71v, 68. Thomas Brouns was later permitted by the bishop to hold the subdeanery in addition to his other offices (ff. 147, 191v). The other papal indults were to Ralph Repingdon, rector of Castor and Titchmarsh, in 1395 (f. 8), John Forster, rector of Lutterworth (f. 118v) and Thomas Balding, vicar of Moulton (ff. 163v–164).

[11] f. 206v. He was probably the nephew of Robert FitzHugh, archdeacon of Northampton, later bishop of London.

[12] *Cal. Pap. Lett.*, VI, p. 251. [13] Liber Sextus, II, f. 33.

appointment had been confirmed by the king, but after some deliberation the chapter decided that as Thurgarton had already been admitted, no other claim could be considered.[1] They added that they did not wish to offend the pope, but to do justice to all parties. John Bremore apparently refused to accept the chapter's decision, for in 1413 the king forbade him to take the case to the papal curia without royal permission.[2] The case was, however, eventually heard at Rome, and the papal auditor finally pronounced in favour of Robert Thurgarton.[3] In September, 1417, Repingdon notified the dean and chapter of the reception of papal letters on behalf of Thurgarton, and directed that he should be reinducted.[4] The whole incident is of some interest for the study of prebendal appointments during this period.

Another important document records the reception and execution of the papal grant of absolution, in 1408, to persons who were concerned in the death of Richard Scrope, late archbishop of York.[5] The text of the papal letters is given in full, and is followed by a detailed account of the ceremony of absolution performed by the bishops of Durham and Lincoln "*pro tribunali sedentibus*" in Newark church.[6] The letters were read aloud in the presence of Richard Holme (chancellor of the bishop of Durham), John Hauberk, William Burton, many notaries and a large number of eminent ecclesiastics and laymen, and were then displayed in the principal churches in the two dioceses. On December 8th, a copy of the papal faculty was formally affixed to the east doors[7] of Lincoln cathedral.

Finally, a large section of the Memoranda relates to testamentary matters. In all, ninety-four wills were proved before the bishop or his commissaries; the testators included king's justices, noblemen, knights and gentlewomen, canons, rectors, vicars and chaplains, merchants and farmers,[8] and their wills provide us with intimate glimpses of contemporary life. The majority are written wills, attested by witnesses and sealed by the testator;[9] there are a small number of verbal codicils in the third person. John de Rocheford, knight, mentioned two copies of his *ultima voluntas*, one of which was in the custody of John Southam, archdeacon of Oxford.[10]

[1] Liber Sextus, II, f. 33v.
[2] *Cal. Close Rolls*, 1413–19, pp. 47–8; *Fœdera*, IX, pp. 77–78.
[3] Liber Sextus, II, f. 76. [4] Memo. ff. 185–185v.
[5] ff. 32–33. The papal faculty is summarized in *Cal. Pap. Lett.*, VI, p. 98.
[6] *Infra*, p. 136, for the text of the document.
[7] "In valvis orientalibus", Memo. f. 33. But there is no east door. Perhaps the scribe meant "occidentalibus".
[8] Abstracts of the wills are given in Gibbons' *Early Lincoln Wills*, where they are arranged alphabetically, but they are incomplete and sometimes inaccurate. Three of the wills have been published in full, namely, those of Edward, duke of York, of William de Roos, lord of Helmsley and Belvoir, and of Sir John Daubriggecourt, in *Reg. Chichele*, II, pp. 63, 22, 51, 108.
[9] John Hauberk's will was written in his own hand. Memo. f. 56.
[10] f. 52.

The wills of those who had *bona notabilia* in several dioceses were usually also proved in the court of the archbishop.[1] In 1415, Repingdon's commissary, Henry Ware, was directed to prove the wills of persons dying in Lincoln diocese and having estates elsewhere.[2] In the case of a knight from York who died intestate while travelling through Lincoln diocese in 1416, the bishop commissioned a lawyer, John Dighton, to grant letters of administration of the estate.[3] Probate was normally granted soon after the testator's death. In one case, when controversy arose between the executors, the archdeacon of Leicester was appointed to administer the deceased's estate.[4] In accordance with the wishes of Archbishop Chichele, considerable attention was given to the improvement of methods of probate, and several consultations took place between the bishop and his officials.[5] In 1415, three commissaries arbitrated in a dispute between Repingdon and Richard Elvet, archdeacon of Leicester, concerning matters of probate touching the canons of the Newarke collegiate church at Leicester. An inquiry was held, and an agreement, stating that disputed cases should be referred to special commissioners, was drawn up and kept among the episcopal archives.[6]

The wills are rich in material for the social historian and give a valuable picture of life and manners among different classes of early fifteenth-century society. It is not possible, in this brief sketch, to do more than draw attention to some general points of interest. There are, for example, clear indications of increasing social mobility. The wealth of the country gentry still lay mainly in their lands, crops and livestock, that of the merchants in their merchandise. There is evidence, however, that many merchants were also acquiring property, both urban and rural, and that there was no longer a clear-cut distinction between the middle classes in town and country. Robert Sutton, a Lincoln merchant, left farmlands and other properties in Lincoln, Boston and several country districts, in addition to a large number of monetary bequests to Lincoln cathedral, the religious orders, gilds, relatives and servants, including £1,000 each to his wife and son.[7] William Alcock, a Grimsby burgess, John Green, a Grantham merchant, and Robert Appleby, another Lincoln merchant, also left country properties, including farms, meadows, pastures and a windmill.[8]

Among the clergy, William Waltham, canon of Lincoln, was the wealthiest testator.[9] Several other ecclesiastics, including some vicars and chaplains as well as rectors and cathedral canons, were men of considerable wealth, with property in Lincolnshire, London

[1] For the bishop of London's licence to Repingdon to prove the wills of the duke of York and Sir John Daubriggecourt, see f. 140v.

[2] f. 140v. [3] f. 164. [4] f. 188v. [5] ff. 162, 176.

[6] ff. 129–129v, 152v, 176–176v. Richard Elvet was dean of the Newarke collegiate church. See f. 18v.

[7] ff. 113–114. [8] ff. 25v, 184, 198. [9] f. 157.

and elsewhere.[1] Robert Marchaund, a Grantham chaplain, left a fair-sized fortune,[2] and the vicar of Pinchbeck bequeathed £20 in gold, in addition to other legacies.[3] The majority of the parish clergy were also agriculturalists, and livestock, grain and farming implements are included among their bequests.[4] John Deeping, rector of Warkton, left an exceptionally large number of cauldrons, barrels, pails and other vessels connected with the brewing of ale, in addition to his farm stock.[5] At the other end of the scale are the vicars and chaplains who had nothing to leave but a garment or two, or a few pence.

As might be expected, a high proportion of the legacies are of a pious character. The wills usually begin with instructions concerning the place and manner of burial and bequests for the celebration of masses or for pilgrimages on behalf of the deceased. There are donations to the parish church, sometimes also to the mother church at Lincoln or to other churches in which the testator has an interest, and usually further donations to religious houses, mendicant orders and gilds. Gifts to churches, apart from money, include altar frontals, vestments, service-books, chalices, pyxes, candlesticks and other ornaments. John Kele, canon of Lincoln, left bequests to all his fellow-canons, the warden of St. Peter's altar, the vicars-choral, chaplains, choristers, chapter clerk, notary, clerk of the commons, sacristan, bell-ringers and grave diggers, if they attended his funeral.[6] Sums of money or gifts of food or clothing are frequently left to be distributed to the poor, to the sick or aged, to widows or orphans, to lepers, or for the liberation of prisoners; sometimes small sums are bequeathed to recluses held in particular reverence. There are contributions towards the upkeep and repair of roads and bridges, as, for example, the highway between the East Gate at Oxford and Headington Hill, and the bridge at Henley-on-Thames.[7] Robert Sutton left a hundred shillings for the repair of a bridge in the suburbs of Lincoln, with the proviso that his executors should arrange for the work to be carried out at their own convenience when opportunity arose.[8]

Among personal belongings, clothes, jewellery, plate and household furnishings are most commonly mentioned by the testators. Beds were highly valued possessions, and there is a wide variety, from the best beds, with canopies and curtains of silk or worsted, red, blue, black and white or green and white, sometimes embroidered with designs of falcons, bulls, rams' heads, pelicans, mermaids or coats-of-arms, to the second-best or "everyday" beds. Mattresses, blankets, linen sheets, coverlets and pillows are bequeathed with the beds. Other household articles include ornamental cups, basins, bowls, ewers, saucers, plates and spoons of silver, silver-gilt or pewter, and chests of maplewood, ebony or

[1] e.g. ff. 43–43v, 98v–99, 101, 180v–181, 204v. [2] f. 125. [3] f. 101.
[4] e.g. ff. 43–43v, 47, 51, 52v. [5] f. 47. [6] f. 153v. [7] ff. 99, 179v. [8] f. 114.

cypress. There is no space for a detailed list of other valued personal possessions, but mention must be made of the gowns of woollen cloth, silk or velvet, in colours of russet, scarlet, crimson, blue, green, grey or black, often slashed or edged with fur, or with furred hoods;[1] of the decorated girdles, gold and silver brooches, rosaries of pearl, amber, coral and jet, rings set with sapphires and diamonds and John Kele's ring engraved with the likeness of St. Christopher; and of the military equipment, armour, swords and lances, of the knights, including the golden sword of William de Roos. Weapons are also left by several of the clergy.

The names of books are of especial interest, and some of the clergy seem to have owned libraries which were not inconsiderable by early fifteenth-century standards. As might be expected when so many of the testators are churchmen, there is a preponderance of service-books,[2] breviaries, missals, psalters and sermon literature. The rector of Walgrave mentioned his large missal, a small missal lent to him by one of his parish chaplains, and his large new breviary.[3] Robert Stonham, vicar of Oakham, left to his church, in addition to two books of Decretals, a copy of a manual, "*Pupilla Oculi*", so that the parish clergy "*per eorundem inspeccionem melius sciant regere populum eis commissum*".[4] The rector of Glaston left his portiforium to his chaplain on condition that it was kept properly and in good repair.[5] Service-books were also owned by the laity. Lady Alice Bassett left three books of matins, and presented to the church of Weston Colville a missal with the Colville coat of arms on the clasps; she also left to Markby Priory a book "called the Apocolips".[6] Sir John Holt left his best missal to Brampton church, and to his son a psalter illuminated in gold.[7] Lady Elizabeth Darcy gave her large missal to Heynings chapel and asked that her portiforium and large psalter should be kept in the chapel and fastened with a strong chain.[8] Bibles are not very often mentioned; they include the Bible which had been given to the vicar of Oakham by the bishop of Carlisle,[9] the "best Bible" left by the rector of Walgrave to his chaplain,[10] and the one left by William Waltham, canon of Lincoln, to master Peter Irforth for his lifetime and then to Beverley church.[11] Bibles were also bequeathed by Sir John Holt and Lady Elizabeth Darcy.[12]

Many works on theology and law are mentioned, in addition to collections of sermons and homilies; among the former are the "*Tabula Martiniana super Decretis*", left to a vicar-choral at

[1] The most elaborate collection of gowns was the one bequeathed by John Hauberk, canon of Lincoln, ff. 55v–56. Many of them were left to his mother.

[2] Usually of the Use of Sarum. There is one mention of a service-book of the Use of York, in the will of the rector of Walgrave (f. 181v).

[3] f. 181.

[4] f. 43. Perhaps the "*Pupilla Oculi*" of John de Burgo, chancellor of Cambridge University, c. 1385, although there are several manuals with this title.

[5] f. 35v. [6] f. 67. [7] f. 205v. [8] f. 63v. [9] f. 43.
[10] f. 181. [11] f. 157v. [12] ff. 205v, 63v.

Lincoln,[1] and the "*Tabula Iuris*" borrowed from and returned to Beaulieu Abbey,[2] while the sermon literature includes a book of sermons composed by the late prior of St. Bartholomew's, Nicholas Gorham, Higden's "*Speculum Curatorum*", and a book of homilies called "*Campflore*".[3] The rector of Glaston left all his books to one of his chaplains, but gave no details as to their contents.[4] William Waltham gave several works on civil and canon law to King's Hall, Cambridge, and the rest of his law books to Beverley church.[5] The vicar of Oakham left a number of volumes to found a library at Merton Hall, Oxford.[6] John Hauberk directed that the first of his relatives to study at Oxford or Cambridge should have the use of his books, but that they should subsequently be returned for the use of others.[7] Other books mentioned by name include the rector of Scrivelsby's "*Legenda Sanctorum*"[8] and Sir John Holt's "*Legenda Aurea*".[9] Sir John Holt also possessed a French law-book.[10] Lady Elizabeth Darcy bequeathed to her heirs a French book called "*Les hell' de Reson*", and two other works, "*Lanselake*", and "*Sang Ryall'*," which was probably one of the many French versions of the legend of the Holy Grail.[11]

Sometimes the binding of a book is specially mentioned, or the fact that it is written on paper.[12] The vicar of Oakham left all his vellum to Oakham church for the binding of service books.[13] The many references to the giving and borrowing of books show that they were read and enjoyed, and that they were still rare enough to be prized. Several testators ask that books should be returned to friends who have given or lent them. John Honingham, rector of Walgrave, seems to have been a most persistent borrower, who could not bring himself to return books; he admitted that he had kept a volume belonging to the rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill, against the will of the owner, and asked that other books which he had kept should be returned.[14] The vicar of Oakham, another book-lover, possessed a secret quire, bound in red paper, "*ubi fit mencio de omnibus libris meis quam aliorum, quia habeo multos libros qui non sunt mei et volo quod quilibet habeat quod suum est*".[15]

Among miscellaneous bequests may be mentioned John Huntingdon's gift of money to three nuns of Sixhills Priory to buy themselves mattresses,[16] and William Peake's gifts of a mattress and a beaver fur to his sister, a nun of Catley.[17] Robert Stonham directed that legacies should be paid to those of his servants who remained

[1] f. 153v. [2] f. 181. [3] ff. 181–181v, 125. [4] f. 35v. [5] f. 157. [6] f. 43.

[7] f. 56. Other Lincoln canons who left comparatively large collections of books on law and theology at this time were Richard Chesterfield (Liber Sextus, I, f. 13) and William Bulcote (*ibid.* II, f. 9v). Cf. also the donations to the new cathedral library, in the *Catalogue of Lincoln Cathedral Library*, ed. R. M. Woolley, pp. xvii, 41 (no. 72), 46 (no. 83).

[8] Memo. f. 52v. [9] f. 205v. [10] *Ibid.*

[11] f. 63v. See R. M. Wilson, *The Lost Literature of Medieval England* (1952), pp. 118, 120, and G. Kane, *Middle English Literature* (1951), pp. 17–18.

[12] Memo. ff. 43v, 66v, 157, 181v. [13] f. 43v.

[14] ff. 181v–182; cf. ff. 35v–36, 56, 157. [15] f. 43v. [16] f. 36v. [17] f. 52v.

in his service while he was abroad.[1] The vicar of Holbeach left his properties to William Curteys (probably his son), on condition that he should become a priest as soon as possible ;[2] while William de Roos, lord of Helmsley, made a last request, that his sons should be educated "*in grammatica et sciencia et disciplina*".[3]

IV

It has not been possible to give more than an outline of the contents of the Memoranda, but it is hoped that enough has been said to arouse interest and stimulate further study. The Memoranda lacks, perhaps, the richness of material found in earlier episcopal registers, and in some respects it may be a little disappointing. The selection of entries was, of course, determined by the registrar ; thus, much space is given to the transcription of formal and sometimes repetitive documents, and inevitably much that would be of greater interest to us is omitted. We should like to know more of the visitation of the chapter in 1414, of the bishop's award in the chapter disputes, of his examination of persistent heretics such as Robert Hoke and John Barton, and of his relations with St. Albans Abbey.[4] There is no reference in the Memoranda to the archbishop's visitation of Lincoln diocese in 1411,[5] nor to the bishop's meeting with the visionary Margery Kempe.[6] Despite its shortcomings and omissions, however, the Memoranda is a fascinating and valuable record of ecclesiastical administration and religious life, not only in the diocese of Lincoln but in the English Church as a whole in the early fifteenth century.

What does the Memoranda reveal of the character of Philip Repingdon himself ? Is there any evidence, during his career as the most orthodox of bishops, of the qualities which distinguished his youth ? It is not easy to form conclusions as to a man's character from a collection of official records, but despite the formality of the Memoranda there are occasional glimpses of the personality of the bishop. We are left with an impression of a churchman who was not only an able and hard-working administrator, but who also took his spiritual responsibilities seriously and was greatly concerned by the prevalence of grave abuses in his diocese. He retained in middle age (he was probably over fifty when he came to Lincoln in 1405) much of his youthful vigour and determination, and the same qualities which had made him a zealous supporter of Wyclif were later brought to the service of the Church. His consistent aim was to strengthen religious life among both clergy and laity. He was thorough in his disciplinary measures and intolerant of slackness, disorder or inefficiency, whether on the part of dean or

[1] f. 43. [2] f. 204v. [3] f. 108v.
[4] He visited the abbey in 1409. *St. Albans Chronicle*, ed. V. H. Galbraith, p. 46.
[5] I. J. Churchill, *Canterbury Administration*, I, pp. 338–39, 338 n.1 ; II, p. 146.
[6] *The Book of Margery Kempe*, ed. W. Butler-Bowdon, p. 60–63.

canons, abbots or priors, lesser officials, parish clergy or laymen. These aspects of Repingdon's character are most clearly illustrated in his register ; there is evidence in less formal records of his kindly disposition and understanding, and of his ability to handle difficult situations.[1]

Repingdon's judgment of men seems to have been shrewd, and, as we have seen, men of the calibre of John Southam, Thomas Brouns and Richard Hethe clearly found it possible to work satisfactorily with him. He was sometimes impatient and often over-forceful in his denunciations, but he had sufficient tact to maintain generally harmonious relations with his chapter. He was jealous of the rights and dignities of his office and of the church of Lincoln,[2] and scrupulous in observing proper procedure and due formality on such occasions as the holding of visitations, the execution of papal letters or the reception of an official envoy from the chapter. Repingdon had a meticulous eye for detail and liked to hear all sides of a question, taking much trouble to ascertain the true facts of a case and to consult the available records before reaching a decision ; as, for example, in his careful consideration of petitions for the appropriation of a parish church or the union of two parishes, in his examination of a doubtful title to a living or of an alleged dispensation for non-residence, and in his inquiries concerning the unfitness of an incumbent, the true value of a benefice, the boundaries of a parish, the irregularities in the establishment of a chantry or the negligence of the archdeacons' officials. Less important matters also received his careful attention, such as the petition from the unhappy servant in his household who was alleged by the gossips to be of servile status, and who begged the bishop to disprove the charge.[3] Repingdon made inquiries, and issued letters testimonial to the effect that the man was freeborn. He expected similar care and thoroughness from his subordinates, requiring the assurances of a suffragan bishop that he had properly carried out his duties, and receiving full and prompt reports from commissaries and sequestrators appointed to investigate parish disturbances, petitions for the grant of burial-grounds to dependent chapels, matrimonial suits, or the ordination of a vicarage for which no records could be found.

Thus, throughout his episcopate Repingdon sought to achieve an efficient administration and a higher standard of religious life in Lincoln diocese, at a time when the majority of contemporary bishops were preoccupied with extra-diocesan affairs. A study of the Memoranda will help to show the difficulties with which he had to contend and to what extent his aims were in fact achieved.

[1] See, for example, the account of his interview with Margery Kempe, when he gave her his patient attention and advised her to write down her experiences. *Ibid.*

[2] Cf. a papal indult of 1413 which permits Repingdon, despite the regulations of the Augustinian order, to wear over the rochet outer garments similar in shape, colour and lining to those worn by other bishops (seculars) in England, so that the episcopal dignity should not be brought into contempt. *Cal. Pap. Lett.*, VI, p. 449.

[3] Memo. f. 174v.

The Register of Philip Repingdon, Bishop of Lincoln, 1405—1419

MEMORANDA 1405–1411.

[*Folio 1*]

QUARTO KALENDAS APRILIS ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUADRINGENTESIMO QUINTO INCIPIT ANNUS PRIMUS CONSECRACIONIS REVERENDI IN CHRISTO PATRIS ET DOMINI DOMINI PHILIPPI REPYNGDON' DEI GRACIA LINCOLNIENSIS EPISCOPI.

1405. May 4th, Banbury. Licence to Ralph Repingdon, rector of Castor and Titchmarsh, for three years' non-residence for study, and to put his benefices to farm.

Memorandum quod quarto die mensis Maii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto apud Bannebury concessa fuit littera non residencie magistro Radulpho Repyngdon' rectori ecclesiarum parochialium de Castr' et Tytchemersh' Lincoln' diocesis per triennium litterarum studio insistendo ac dimittendo fructus earundem ad firmam per idem tempus.[1] [A.]

Same date and place. Licence to John Weston (Wetton'), vicar of a portion of the church of Waddesdon (Woodsden) formerly held by John Beccles (Becelys), for three years' non-residence for study. [A.]

1405. May 10th, Liddington. Letters dimissory to Thomas Colles of Millbrook, acolyte, for ordination to all orders, by any catholic bishop.

Item decimo die mensis Maii anno predicto apud Lydington' concessa fuerunt littere dimissorie Thome Colles de Melbroke Lincoln' diocesis accolito quod possit promoveri ad omnes sacros ordines a quocumque episcopo catholico ut in forma consueta. [B.]

1405. Licences for the celebration of divine services in private chapels or oratories to William Burgh of Allexton, knight (May 10th), the abbot of St. James, Northampton (May 8th), Isabel Leicester and Richard Bosworth of Harborough (May 11th), John Church of Leicester (May 14th), John Liddington, rector of Irnham (May 11th) and John Berkeley of Wymondham (May 13th).

[1] *Infra*, p. 33.

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit licencia domino Willelmo Burgh' de Adlaxton' militi Lincoln' diocesis et Margerie eius uxori quod possent facere divina celebrari per capellanos idoneos in capella sive oratorio infra mansum suum de Adlaxton' predicta per triennium.

Item viij° die mensis Maii anno domini supradicto apud Northampton' concessa fuit licencia abbati sancti Jacobi Northampton' ut in capella in honore sancti Bartholomei infra manerium suum de Hida divina officia celebrare et per alios capellanos seculares vel religiosos facere celebrari per triennium duraturum.

Item xj^mo^ die Maii anno predicto concessa fuit consimilis licencia Isabelle Leycestr' de Hauerbergh' Lincoln' diocesis pro se et hospicibus suis per triennium.

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit consimilis licencia Ricardo Bosworth' de Hauerbergh' Lincoln' diocesis infra mansum suum per triennium.

Item xiiij^to^ die mensis Maii anno et loco predictis concessa fuit consimilis littera Johanni Church' de Leycestr' Lincoln' diocesis et Katerine eius uxori per triennium.

Item xj^mo^ die mensis Maii anno predicto apud Lidyngton' concessa fuit consimilis licencia domino Johanni Lidyngton' rectori ecclesie de Irnham Lincoln' diocesis quo declinar' se contigerit per triennium.

Item xiij^mo^ die mensis Maii anno et loco predictis concessa fuit consimilis littera domino Johanni Barkele de Wymondeham Lincoln' diocesis et Isabelle eius uxori per triennium.

1405. May 13th, Liddington. Licence to William Lyndwood, deacon, rector of Walton on the Wolds, for two years' non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause "Cum ex eo", and to put his church to farm.

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit littera non residencie Willelmo Lyndewode diacono rectori ecclesie parochialis de Walton' Lincoln' diocesis litterarum studio insistendo ubicumque etc. ac dimittendo fructus ad firmam per idem tempus et dispensatum fuit cum eodem iuxta capitulum "Cum ex eo", [C.] quod non teneatur promoveri ad ordinem presbyteratus duraturum biennium.

1405. May 14th, Liddington. Licence to Ralph Dyot, vicar of Wardley, to put his church to farm for three years.

Item xiiij^to^ die eiusdem mensis anno et loco predictis concessa fuit licencia domino Radulpho Dyot vicario de Wardeley Lincoln' diocesis quod possit dimittere fructus de Wardeley predicta per triennium dummodo in eadem resideat. [D.]

1405. May 14th, Sleaford. Licence to John Claydon, clerk, rector of Croxby, for one year's non-residence while in the service

of Henry, bishop of Bath and Wells,[1] and to put his church to farm.

Item xiiij^to^ die eiusdem mensis anno predicto apud Sleford' concessa fuit littera non residencie Johanni Claydon' clerico rectori ecclesie de Croxby Lincoln' diocesis obsequiis domini Henrici Bathon' episcopi per unum annum et dimittendo fructus ad firmam per idem tempus.[2] [E.]

Same date and place. Licence to John Port', rector of Barrowby (Baruby), for three years' non-residence while in the service of Thomas, lately bishop of Carlisle.[3] [E.]

1405. May 16th, Sleaford. Licence to John Belverge, rector of Toddington (Todyngton'), for three years' non-residence while in the service of the collector of the papal camera. [E.]

[*Folio 1*^v^] 1404. November 19th, Rome. Bull of Innocent VII providing Philip Repingdon, abbot of St. Mary de Pré, Leicester, to the see of Lincoln, vacant through the translation of Henry Beaufort to the see of Winchester.[4]

Innocencius episcopus servus servorum dei dilecto filio Philippo electo Lincoln' salutem et apostolicam benediccionem. Apostolatus officium quamquam insufficientibus meritis nobis ex alto commissum quo ecclesiarum omnium regimini presidentes utiliter exequi coadiuvante domino cupientes, soliciti corde reddimur et solertes, ut cum de ipsarum regiminibus agitur committendis tales eis in pastores preficere studeamus qui commissum sibi gregem dominicum sciant non solum doctrina verbi set eciam exemplo boni operis informare commissas que sibi ecclesias in statu pacifico et tranquillo velint et valeant duce domino salubriter regere et feliciter gubernare, sane ecclesia Lincoln' episcopum licet absentem a vinculo quo ipsi ecclesie cui tunc preerat tenebatur de fratrum nostrorum consilio et apostolice potestatis plenitudine absolventes, eum ad ecclesiam Wyntonien' ecclesiam tunc vacantem duximus auctoritate apostolica transferendum preficiendo eum eidem Wyntonien' ecclesie in episcopum et pastorem. Nos ad provisionem ipsius Lincoln' ecclesie celerem et felicem, ne longe vacacionis exponeretur incommodis paternis et solicitis studiis intendentes, post deliberacionem quam de preficiendo eidem Lincoln' ecclesie personam utilem et eciam

[1] Henry Bowet, bishop of Bath and Wells (1401–7). [2] *Infra*, p. 67.

[3] Thomas Merks, bishop of Carlisle (1397–9).

[4] There is an abstract of the papal bull in *Cal. Pap. Lett. VI*, p. 6. Concurrent letters were issued to the dean and chapter of Lincoln, the clergy and people of the city and diocese, the archbishop of Canterbury and the king. (*Ibid.*). Repingdon was not consecrated until March 29th, 1405 (Chapter Acts, Liber Sextus II, f. 5; Le Neve, II, p. 16). John Southam, archdeacon of Oxford, acted as official *sede vacante* and the commission to him was revoked on March 29th (Liber Sextus I, ff. 16v–17).

fructuosam cum dictis fratribus habuimus diligentem, demum ad te abbate monasterii Leycestr' ordinis sancti Augustini Lincoln' diocesis in presbyteratus ordine constitutum litterarum sciencia preditum vite ac morum honestate preclarum in spiritualibus providum et in temporalibus circumspectum, aliis que multiplicium virtutum donis prout fidedignorum testimonio percepimus insignitum direximus oculos nostre mentis, quibus omnibus attenta meditacione pensatis de persona tua nobis et eisdem fratribus ob tuorum exigenciam meritorum accepta eidem Lincoln' ecclesie de ipsorum fratrum consilio auctoritate predicta providemus, teque illi preficimus in episcopum et pastorem, curam et administracionem ipsius Lincoln' ecclesie tibi in spiritualibus plenarie committendo. In illo qui dat gracias et largitur premia confidentes quod dextera domini tibi assistente prospicia prefata Lincoln' ecclesia sub tuo felici regimine prospere et salubriter dirigetur ac grata in eisdem spiritualibus et temporalibus suscipiet incrementa. Iugum igitur domini tuis impositum humeris prompta devocione suscipiens, curam et administracionem predictas sic excercere studeas solicite fideliter et prudenter, quod ipsa Lincoln' ecclesia gubernatori provido et fructuoso administratori gaudeat se commissam tuque proinde preter eterne retribucionis premium benevolencie nostre ac sedis predicte graciam exinde uberius consequi merearis. Data Rome apud sanctum Petrum xiij kalendas Decembris Pontificatus nostri anno primo.

1404. November 22nd, Rome. Bull of Innocent VII for the consecration of Philip Repingdon as bishop of Lincoln by any bishop of the Roman obedience. The new bishop is to take the oath of allegiance to the Holy See, in the prescribed form.

Innocencius episcopus servus servorum dei dilecto filio Philippo electo Lincoln' salutem et apostolicam benediccionem. Cum nuper ecclesia Lincoln' pastoralis regimine destituta de persona tua nobis et fratribus nostris ob tuorum exigenciam meritorum accepta de fratrum eorundem consilio auctoritate apostolica duxerimus providendum preficiendo te illi in episcopum et pastorem, prout in nostris inde confectis litteris plenius continetur; nos ad ea que ad tue commoditatis augmenta cedere valeant favorabiliter intendentes, tuis supplicacionibus inclinati, tibi ut a quocumque malueris catholico antistite graciam et communionem apostolice sedis habente astitis et in hoc sibi assistentibus duobus vel tribus aliis catholicis episcopis similem graciam et communionem habentibus munus consecracionis recipere valeas, ac eidem antistiti ut munus predictum auctoritate nostra impendere libere tibi possit plenam et liberam concedimus tenore presencium facultatem. Volumus autem quod idem antistes qui tibi prefatum munus impendet, postquam illud tibi impenderit, a te nostro et Romane ecclesie nomine fidelitatis debite solitum recipiat iuramentum iuxta formam quam tibi sub

bulla nostra mittimus interclusam, ac formam iuramenti quod te prestare contigerit nobis de verbo ad verbum per tuas patentes litteras tuo sigillo signatas per proprium nuncium quantocius destinare procures, quod que per hoc venerabili fratri nostro archiepiscopo Cantuarien' cui prefata ecclesia metropolitico iure subesse dinoscitur nullum imposterum preiudicium generetur. Data Rome apud sanctum Petrum x kalendas Decembris Pontificatus nostri anno primo.

1404. December 18th, Rome. Remission to Bishop Repingdon from the papal chamberlain of the payment of Peter's Pence due from Henry Beaufort, formerly bishop of Lincoln.

Universis et singulis presentes litteras inspecturis Conradus miseracione divina episcopus Militen' domini pape camerarius salutem in domino. Nuper in thesauraria camere apostolice pro parte reverendi patris domini Philippi dei gracia electi in episcopum Lincoln' exposito, quod cum reverendus pater dominus Henricus dei gracia tunc episcopus Lincoln' nunc ad Wyntonien' ecclesiam translatus pro tempore quo ipsi Lincoln' ecclesie prefuit ad nonnullas pecuniarum summas de denariis sancti Petri ad cameram apostolicam pertinentes remansit efficaciter obligatus, ipse que dominus Philippus dubitet ipsum et ecclesiam suam Lincoln' imposterum per cameram apostolicam posse multimodo molestari super restitucione pecuniarum predictarum nobis supplicari fecit humiliter ut indempnitati sue et dicte Lincoln' ecclesie providere de oportuno remedio dignaremur maxime cum dictus dominus Henricus Wyntonien' episcopus qui summas ipsas retinuit potens sit et habilis ad solvendum. Nos igitur eidem ecclesie Lincoln' paterno compacientes effectu ipsius supplicacionibus inclinati demandato domini nostri pape nobis facto oraculo unie vocis eundem dominum Philippum et prefatam Lincoln' ecclesiam a solucione dictarum pecuniarum de denariis sancti Petri per dictum dominum Henricum perceptarum tempore quo dicte Lincoln' ecclesie prefuit ad cameram apostolicam pertinencium tenore presencium absolvimus et reddimus [*Folio 2*] absolutum et eum totaliter liberamus. Mandantes propterea universis et singulis dictorum iurium et denariorum nomine camere apostolice collectoribus et succollectoribus quatinus dictum dominum Philippum predictis pecuniis per prefatum dominum Henricum non solutis non molestetur nec faciant quomodolibet molestari. Proviso quod hec liberacio eidem domino Henrico in nullo valeat suffragari quin ad solucionem integram teneatur. In quorum testimonium presentes litteras fieri et sigilli nostri camerariatus officii missimus appensione muniri. Dat' Rome apud sanctum Petrum sub anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quarto Indiccione xij^{o} die decima octava mensis Decembris Pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Innocencii divina providencia pape septimi anno primo.

1404. December 15th, Rome. Acquittance from the chamberlain of the college of cardinals to the bishop of Lincoln for payments for his common and minute services, paid by Anthony, James and Dossus de Spinis, merchants of Florence.

Henricus miseracione divina episcopus Tuschulan' sacri collegii reverendorum in Christo patrum dominorum sancte Romane ecclesie cardinalium camerarius universis et singulis presentes litteras inspecturis salutem in domino. Universitati vestre notum facimus per presentes quod reverendus in Christo pater dominus Philippus dei gracia electus in episcopum Lincoln' pro tali solucione sui communis servicii in quo camere collegii dictorum dominorum cardinalium sub certis penis et sentenciis racione dicte sue ecclesie extitit efficaciter obligatus duo milia et quingentos florenorum auri de camera nobis et pro tali solucione unius et sui minuti servicii debiti consueti pro familiaribus et officialibus dicti collegii in quo similiter extitit obligatus tricentos duodecim similes florenorum solidos viginti quinque monete romane per manus honorabilium virorum Antonii Jacobi et Dossi de Spinis et sociorum merchatorum florentinorum die date presencium tempore debito solvi fecit realiter et cum effectu. De quibus sic datis et solutis dictum que dominum Philippum electum suosque heredes et successores et dictam suam ecclesiam Lincoln' tenore presencium quitamus absolvimus et eciam liberamus. In quorum testimonium presentes litteras fieri et nostri cardinalatus sigilli quo primo in talibus utebamur iussimus appensione muniri. Dat' Rome apud sanctum Petrum sub anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quarto Indiccione xij die xv mensis Decembris Pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Innocencii divina providencia pape septimi anno primo.

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1405. April 11th, Lincoln. Mandate from Bishop Repingdon to the official of the archdeacon of Huntingdon to take measures against unlicensed preachers within the archdeaconry. Many unauthorized persons usurp the office of preacher and disseminate heretical opinions in churches, chapels, private houses and elsewhere in the city and diocese of Lincoln, and heresy is widespread. Rectors, vicars and chaplains of parish churches in the archdeaconry of Huntingdon are directed not to admit preachers unless they have the bishop's licence.

Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilecto filio officiali archidiaconi nostri Huntyngdon' salutem graciam et benediccionem. Decet ecclesiarum prelatos circa sibi commissi gregis dominici custodiam et tutelam eo studiosius prudencia vigili et studio invigilare prudenti quo quarumdam degeneres animos infidelitatis respersos maculis ovium circumamictos vestibus intrinsecus vero rapacitate lupina quem devorent inquirentes ad rapiendum et dispergendum oves gregis suo adulterino semine noverint fraudolencius circuire ; sane populosa acclamacione et divulgata fama ad nostrum quod dolenter referimus pervenit auditum quod licet iuxta canonicas sancciones mano prohibitus vel non missus sibi predicacionis officium usurpare debeat publice vel occulte, nonnulli tamen eterne dampnacionis filii non solum qui se litterarum studiis iactitant informatos verum sciencia inexpertos et exules qui litteras nesciunt et omnino laici in ipsam sunt insaniam mentis prolapsi, ut sub devote sanctitatis velamine auctoritatem sibi assumant temere predicandi precipue doctrinam apostoli qui Romanos alloquens inter cetera sic interserit quomodo inquit predicabunt nisi mutantur minime ponderantes et quod veritas ipsa dicit apostolis. Rogate dummodo messis ut mittat operarios in messem suam non attendunt insuper et alii execranda inimici hominis insequentes vestigia sancto et salubri semine verbi dei super seminantes zizannia nonnullas

[1] On July 15th, 1406, acquittance was made by Leonard of Fermo, papal chamberlain, to Philip Repingdon for 625 gold florins of the camera as the complement and the final payment of his four minute services due to the camera. Payment was made by Peter Bardelle, merchant of Florence (*Cal. Pap. Lett. VI*, pp. 95, 96).

proposiciones et conclusiones eroneas hereticas atque falsas et ab ecclesia dei reprobatas merito et dampnatas determinacionique sancte matris ecclesie expressius repugnantes, tam in ecclesiis et capellis nostrarum civitatis et diocesis ac eciam in hospiciis privatis et aliis et obscenis et indebitis locis asserere et dogmatizare ac generaliter communiter et publice predicare non formidant fidei sacramento renatos et fideles suis perversis assercionibus inficere non verentes et a fide orthodoxa sine qua salus esse non poterit facientes lamentabiliter demarcescere. Nos igitur qui inter solicitudines nostris humeris incumbentes perpeci cura revolvimus ut errantes in viam veritatis inducere ipsos que lucrifacere deo sua cooperante gracia valeamus ad omnes nostre intencionis desideratum eventum divinorum eloquiorum exposicionem congruam ipsorumque fidelem predicacionem [*Folio 2*^{v}] non ambigimus admodum oportunam animarum saluti prospicere cupientes et a congrua proposicione seminis verbi dei nostrorum sorcientes inicium mandatorum. Volentes que ex intimis precordiis secundum carismata nobis a deo collata salutarem doctrinam seminis verbi dei extollere multiplicareque ac magnificare et pseudo predicatores adulterantes verbum dei zizannia seminantes animos simplicium per illusorias seduciones diabolice intoxicatos prout astringimur compescere et eis silencium imponere ne sanguis subditorum de manibus nostris in extremo iudicio terribiliter requiratur. Vobis in virtute obediencie committimus et mandamus firmiter iniungentes quatinus omnibus et singulis rectoribus vicariis et parochialium ecclesiarum capellanis nobis subiectis infra vestri archidiaconatus ambitum ubilibet constitutis auctoritate nostra sub pena districcionis canonice iniungatis ne aliquas personas cuiuscumque gradus status religionis vel ordinis seu preeminencie existant, venerabilibus sacre theologie professoribus in iureque canonico seu civili doctoribus fratribus que ordinum mendicancium iuxta formam Clementis dudum admissis et de premissis conclusionibus et proposicionibus eroneis penitus non suspectis dumtaxat exceptis, in ecclesiis suis aut capellis seu aliis locis publicis seu privatis dicte vestre iurisdiccionis admittere non presumant, parochianis suis eciam omnibus et singulis per rectores vicarios et capellanos predictos inhiberi volumus et mandamus ne aliquos preter personas per nos superius expressatas ad predicandum in ecclesiis capellis seu locis predictis admitti procurent seu procurari faciant procuret ve seu procurari faciat aliquis eorundem nobis super hoc penitus inconsultis nisi litteras nostras post datam presencium super hoc sibi concessas exhibuerunt sigillo nostro sufficienter communitas sub pena excommunicacionis maioris quam in singulas personas aliquos prohibitos huiusmodi ut premittitur ad predicandum admittentes et predicacionibus non admissorum scienter interessentes, ac eciam interdicti in ecclesias et capellas quascumque in quibus predicaverint mora culpa et offensa admittencium et interessencium rectorum vicariorum et capellanorum

parochialium ecclesiarum earundem precedentibus, canonicaque monicione premissa extunc prout exnunc et exnunc prout extunc ferimus in hiis scriptis absolucionem omnium et singulorum in hac parte delinquencium dicti que interdicti relaxacionem specialiter nobis reservantes. Premissis tamen includi nolumus nec intendimus venerabiles patres ecclesiarum conventualium vel collegiatarum prelatos et prepositos neque ecclesiarum parochialium rectores et vicarios in propriis ecclesiis et non alibi predicantes huiusmodi mandatum nostrum in valvis monasteriorum collegiorum et ecclesiarum parochialium affigi et efficaciori modo populo publicari. Dat' Lincoln' xj^{mo} die mensis Aprilis anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinto, et nostre consecracionis anno primo.

1405. March 31st, Lincoln. Mandate from Bishop Repingdon to the official of the archdeacon of Lincoln to inquire into and take measures against the gross immorality which is widespread in the diocese. Those who persist in their immoral practices are to be cited before the bishop or his commissaries, Thomas Polton or John Hauberk, on an appointed day.

Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilecto filio archidiaconi nostri Lincoln' officiali salutem graciam et benediccionem. Sanctorum patrum inherentes vestigiis convenit presidentes et pastores modernos ecclesie pudicicie patres et castitatis ferindos zelatores eorum corruptis et execrandis moribus oportunis remediis prepar' repulsam quos ineffrenate voluptatis tenebrosa caligo et putridum turpitudinis libidinose contagium indute continencie remige dissoluto verecundie modestiam regulatam extra pudoris terminos limitatos conantur flebiliter exulare ut sic ecclesiastice sarculo discipline velud cultores providi extirpent vicia virtutes viserant corrigant excessus morosque reforment subditorum. Sane ad nostrum quod lamentabiliter deplangimus nuper devenit auditum qualiter abusus quidam nepharius ac detestanda lascivia incontinencie . . . . . .[1] et carnalis concupiscencie paratissimum intentivum per nostram diocesim multis retroactis temporibus molevit quod nonnulli impudici viri et sexus fragilis mulieres honestatis laxatis habenis salutari continencia et innata verecundia impudenter abiectis debite discipline gubernacula vilipendunt, et ne dum talia que sua spiritu peccatum nominant criminale ex que disponunt ex sua causa ad intendum ad finem intente libidinis et carnalis operis consensu alliciunt impudenter aggredi non formidant dum in tercia feria paschalem ebdomadam absque medio subsequente mulieres ipse indomite dissolute vagantes masculos lepra respersos lascivie ferindos venerisque tirones expugnare non desinunt ipsos que eciam infra loco obscena recubantes huc atque illuc exaccius inquirentes ab aulis immundicie et lectis luxurie extrahere et

[1] Illegible.

affectatis assolent vinculis mancipare. Econverso vero viri huiusmodi sic illusi in secunda feria dictam feriam terciam proximam precedente circa ipsas mulierculas miseras pari passu ambulantes morbo consimili conversantur. Ubi pro incontinencie galea amplexus et oscula pro insolencie lorica tactus et colloquia ceteraque voluptatis deceptiva iacula molles incantatos et depressos homines mediacione quadam suasiva ad actus venereos occasionaliter incitant et incurtiant non attendentes, eciam ipsis legibus humanis plurimum detestabile mulieres huiusmodi quas naturalis pudor erubiscencia quadam predotavit se masculinis cetibus et consortiis inhumaniter immiscere et ea propter familiaritatem frequentem et conversacionem mutuam virorum et mulierum eciam inter naturali sexu insimul affidatos sancciones legitime potencius interdicunt. Tales nempe malicie dedite sumpti memorialis nobilissimi et intimis commendandi precordiis paschalis sacramenti pro quod si digne recipitur recepto recipiens conformatur memores non existunt set velut catulus reversus ad vomitum tamquam de cibi levissimo nauseantes indevota quadam et adulterina contriccione gustum salutiferum et omni sanctitate dignissimum irreverenciabilibus obsequiis lacerant et conculcant, ut ex huiuscemodi irrefrenatis moribus salutis auctor ex nimis qui infinito amore eis dedit in viaticum semet ipsum merito offendatur. Ad edomandum igitur carnis lubricum et veneris noxios appe [*Folio 3*] titus prout nobis possibile est manus apponere cupientes, vobis mandamus quatinus omnes et singulos nostros utriusque sexus subditos auctoritate nostra moneatis et efficaciter inducatis quatinus a premissis turpitudinis actibus desistentes amodo se solite dissolucionis rabie non involvant. Et quia solet communiter necgligi quod penali cohercione munimine non fulcitur, inhibeatis eisdem sub pena excommunicacionis maioris in contrafacientes merito fulminand' quod similia decetero facere non presumant. Reclamantes et contradicentes si quos inveneritis citetis seu citari faciatis peremptorie quatinus xij^{o} die post citacionem vestram eis canonice factam si iuridicus fuerit alioquin proximo die iuridico ex tunc sequenti ubicumque infra nostram civitatem vel diocesim tunc fuerimus coram nobis aut magistris Thoma Polton' seu Johanne Hauberk' nostris in hac parte commissariis causam racionabilem si quam habeant aut dicere sciant quarum pro tante temeritatis excessu excommunicari non debeant allegaturi facturique ulterius et recepturi quod fuerit iustum. De diebus vero recepcionis presencium execucionis que vestre ac modo et forma eiusdem una cum nominibus contraveniencium diebus et locis huiusmodi certificetis per litteras vestras patentes harum seriem continentes sigillo autentico consignatas. Dat' Lincoln' ultimo die mensis Marcii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto, et nostre consecracionis anno primo.

1405. April 4th, Lincoln. Mandate from Bishop Repingdon to the official of the archdeacon of Lincoln, directing him to warn the

clergy of the archdeaconry to take measures against false collectors of alms, who are prevalent in the diocese. No collectors should be admitted unless they have the bishop's licence.

Ne questores admittantur. Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilecto filio archidiaconi nostri Lincoln' officiali salutem graciam et benediccionem. Cum nedum fama publica referente verum eciam clamore valido plurimorum nostre vigilancie auribus frequencius sic deductum quod per nostram Lincoln' diocesim discurrentes quampluri scelerati dampnavere ambicionis cecitate percussi ac infamie nota manifesta respersi elimosinarum questores se publice predicantes, quorum in tantum excrevit audacia ut cupiditatis affectu pocius quam zelo animarum accensi sub velate pietatis specie simpliciores quosque decipiant et mendaciis opprimant veritatem, et ut liberius ab innocencium manibus questus extorqueant sic sibi concesse potestatis confingunt officium quod in suis exhortacionibus aut cedulis sive brevibus fabricatis non nulla dicantur asserere que sacrorum canonum obviant institutis et repugnant ordinacionibus consilii generalis, ubi ne questores aliqui nisi apostolicas vel diocesis episcopi litteras exhibuerint qui immo et si apostolicas litteras obtinuerint nisi loci diocesanus eas prius presentatas diligenter examinet admitti prohibentur. Nos igitur abusionibus huiusmodi cum in animarum periculum et in perniciem cedant et scandalum plurimorum ex iniuncto nobis officio pastorali viam prout nobis possibile est precludere cupientes, vobis in virtute obediencie committimus et mandamus firmiter iniungentes quatinus omnibus et singulis rectoribus vicariis perpetuis et capellanis parochialium ecclesiarum nobis subiectarum per vestrum archidiaconatum predictum ubilibet constitutis auctoritate nostra et sub pena districcionis canonice iniungatis, ne questores aliquos cuiuscumque negocii causa se venturos pretendunt seu quocumque nomine censeantur in ipsorum ecclesiis vel cimeteriis earundem ad exhortaciones aliquas pro pecuniis seu quibuscumque rebus aliis colligendis nisi questores ipsi litteris nostris specialibus sigillo nostro autentico consignatis sufficientissime sint muniti admittere presumant quomodolibet in futurum, set nec questores aliquos per nos fortassis licenciandos imposterum aliud populo exponere vel insinuare permutant quam quod in litteris continebitur supradictis questores vero ecclesie nostre Lincoln' per ius licenciatos ut premittitur ad questus licitos pro ceteris quibuscumque mandamus et volumus ubilibet anteferri. Ut autem sciamus vos presens nostrum mandatum execucioni clare et debite demandasse nos de modo et forma quibus illud exequi contigerit citra festum sancte Trinitatis proximum nunc futurum ubicumque in nostris civitate et diocesi tunc fuerimus distincte et aperte per litteras vestras patentes harum seriem continentes certificare curetis. Dat' Lincoln' iiij^{to} die Aprilis anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto, et nostre consecracionis primo.

1405. June 16th, Lincoln. Mandate from Bishop Repingdon to the clergy of the diocese, notifying them of the nullification of all plenary indulgences granted by Boniface IX before December 22nd, 1398. The mandate is to be publicly proclaimed, in English, in all churches, on the Sundays and feast-days immediately following its reception.

Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus universis et singulis abbatibus prioribus archidiaconis eorumque officialibus decanis ruralibus ecclesiarum rectoribus vicariis et curatis quibuscumque per nostre iurisdiccionis ambitum ubilibet constitutis salutem graciam et benediccionem. Universitati vestre notum deducimus per presentes quod iam dudum sancte memorie dominus Bonifacius sacrosancte Romane ecclesie papa nonus inter sancta et salubria monita nonnulla que dum ad hunc in humanis ageret proinde statuerat non absque causis urgentibus eius ex certa sciencia sic inter cetera voluit statuit ac eciam ordinavit, videlicet quod indulgencie omnes et singuli in quibus continentur " A pena et a culpa ", vel plena omnium suorum indulgencia seu remissio peccatorum et aliter que tunc silicet ante xj kalendas Januarii anno sui Pontificatus xiiij^{to} sub formis indulgenciarum ecclesiasticarum urbis anni iubilei vel sancti sepulcri dominici concesse fuerant aut sancti Michaelis Archangeli de Monte Gargano sancti Jacobi in Compostella et sancti Marci de Veneciis sancte Marie de angelis alias in Porciuncula sancte Marie de Calemedio[1] ac omnes aliter que tunc ad instar indulgenciarum quibusuis aliis ecclesiis concesse fuere nullius existerent roboris vel momenti, eciam si in bonis apostolicis super concessione indulgenciarum huiusmodi confectis talis contineretur clausula, videlicet si contingeret revocari per nos indulgencias in genere vel in speciale quod indulgencie ipse per easdem litteras concesse revocate intelligantur revocans tunc penitus et adnullans nichilominus easdem omnem que vim formam et effectum earundem. Quocirca vobis in virtute sancte obediencie et prout omnipotentis dei indignacionem apostoliceque [*Folio 3*^{v}] sedis predicte evitare volueritis atque nostram firmiter iniungendo committimus et mandamus quatinus indulgencias huiusmodi omnes et singulas quibuscumque ecclesiis locis ve aliis aut personis cuiuscumque gradus status ordinis preeminencie aut condicionis nostre tamen iurisdiccionis existant ante tempus predictum quomodolibet concessas cum sub spe devocionis pretense ubi factus premissorum pretextu speratus sequi non possit simplicium animos per illusorias seducciones decipi nolumus sic ut premittitur revocatus fuisse et esse, nullius que firmitatis eas subsistere posse in ecclesiis vestris diebus dominicis et festivis recepcionem presencium immediate sequentibus intra missarum solempnia cum maior in eisdem populi et cleri

[1] Identified by Father D. A. Callus, O.P., as Coulommiers (Seine-et-Marne), formerly Colmiers, or Colmède, where there was a Benedictine abbey, a pilgrims' centre in the Middle Ages.

affuerit multitudo publice denuncietis solempniter in vulgari clero et populo huiusmodi sancto dei inhibentes expressius vite nostra ne ad ecclesias loca ve huiusmodi nostre iurisdiccionis quecumque indulgenciarum premissarum pretextu accedere quoquomodo. Et locis ipsis ac ecclesiis presidentibus quibuscumque et precipue priori et conventui de Landa ordinis sancti Augustini nostre diocesis predicte quibus eciam et nos presencium tenore in hac parte specialiter inhiberi volumus auctoritate sedis predicte et inhibemus expresse ne clerum aut populum huiusmodi ad premissa quovis exquisito colore recipere presumant sub pena iuris et periculo quod incumbit. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Dat' Lincoln' xvj^{to} die mensis Junii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto, et nostre consecracionis anno primo.

1405. June 20th, Lincoln. Ratification by Bishop Repingdon, notwithstanding his previous mandate, of certain letters of Boniface IX on behalf of the abbot and convent of Kirkstead, granting an indulgence to penitents who visit the abbey at stated times.

Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus universis et singulis abbatibus prioribus archidiaconis eorumque officialibus decanis ruralibus ecclesiarumque parochialium rectoribus vicariis et curatis quibuscumque per nostre iurisdiccionis ambitum ubilibet constitutis salutem graciam et benediccionem. Universitati vestre litteras nostras ex causis in eisdem insertis nuper transmisimus tenorem qui sequitur inter cetera continentes, " Quod sancte memorie dominus Bonifacius iam dudum " etc. sicut in priori littera proxima precedenti usque " in cuius rei testimonium " et tunc sic. Verum quia ex post facto litteras certas apostolicas non cancellatas non abolitas in aliquave sui parte suspectas set sanas et integras ac omni vicio et suspicione sinistra carentes pro parte dilectorum filiorum abbatis et conventus monasterii de Kyrkestede ordinis Cistercien' nostre diocesis predicte nobis presentatas recepimus, continentes quod sancte memorie dominus Bonifacius suprascriptus post et citra tempus revocacionis predicte ad ipsorum manum conservacionem oculos dirigens speciales premissa eis aliqualiter obstare non volens omnibus Christi fidelibus vere contritis et confessis qui certis anni temporibus in ipsis litteris plenius expressatis a primis, scilicet vesperis usque ad secundos vesperos inclusive prime diei dominice in Passione domini, necnon sanctorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum, et per duas dies dictam diem dominicam in Passione immediate sequentes semel vel successive aut interpollatim dictum monasterium visitantes in ipsius manum conservacionem manus porrexerint adiutrices, illam indulgenciam et remissionem peccatorum auctoritate apostolica concesserat quam visitantes ecclesiam beate Marie in Porcunicula alias dictam de angelis extra muros Assisinatis de quo superius sit mencio certis eciam anni

temporibus quomodolibet consequuntur. Unde nostre intencionis non extitit quod absit aliquatenus aut existit litteras nostras predictas ad revocaciones premissas publicandas vobis premitus ut premittitur directas ad indulgencias predicto monasterio de Kyrkestede specialiter sic concessas aliqualiter extendi de vero sicuti neque possunt; quocirca vobis omnibus et singulis in virtute obedienciie sancte obedienciie firmiter iniungendo committimus et mandamus quatinus visis presentibus et penes vos earundem retentis copis si velitis vobis dictorum abbatis et conventus sumptibus faciendis quociens et quando per partem dictorum abbatis et conventus super hoc requisiti, fueritis in ecclesiis vestris diebus dominicis et festivis cum maior in eisdem cleri et populi affuerit multitudo publice denunciietis solempniter in vulgari eosdem devocius excitantes in domino ut premissis non obstantibus quibuscumque indulgenciarum huiusmodi preterita ad monasterium predictum ab animarum medelam personaliter accedant ipsas cum dies limitati venerint consequendum. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Dat' Lincoln' vicesimo die mensis Junii anno domini millesimo cccc^mo quinto, et nostre consecracionis anno primo.

1405 June 20th, Lincoln. Grant by Bishop Repingdon of forty days' indulgence to those who contribute towards the rebuilding of Yarborough parish church, which has been destroyed by fire, or towards the replacement of its ornaments. The ivory pyx containing the Sacrament remained miraculously untouched by the fire.

Littere indulgentis pro refectione ecclesie combuste.

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presentes littere pervenerint Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus salutem in dominum salvatore. Operibus pietatis tociens credimus inherere quociens mentes fidelium ad huiusmodi caritative devocionis opera perpetuis excitamus, verum cum quod dolenter referimus incendii rabies vesana motas nevicens sui vasti ruina nostris heu plus solito temporibus quam flebiles sentimus eventus nostri non dubium hec et maiora detestabilium sexus utriusque et gradus cuiuscumque exigentibus scelerum demeritis non solum ecclesiam parochialis de Jordeburgh' nostre diocesis cum cancello eiusdem et quicquid preter lapides solos de meremio fuerant eorundem, quinimmo sub brevibus et omnia ipsius ecclesie ornamenta cum utensilibus et ipsius quibusuis necessariis, ita quod ultra lapides nil penitus realiter aut vix in effigie quicquam incombustum remanet eorundem iam dudum sui furoris spiritu consumpserat hora brevi. Ita quod in congrue reparandis eisdem ipsius parochianorum rectoris ve facultas suppetere non posset nisi Christi fidelium pietatis intuitu et devocionis instinctu temporalium largicione bonorum gracioso spiritu ducta bona subvenire studeat larga manus. (Fol. 4) Set mentis revolve non oblivioso Christicola quique quid quantumque incontingentibus

premissis ortodoxe fidei corpus in altari dominicum tuo ritui amoris privilegio specialis ex facto singulari contulerat argumentum, et qui tepidus fueras senciendo quod dictet ecclesia de pane isto antiquitus prophetato, decetero vacillare desinas in credendo quoniam in Passionis sue memoriam solis fidelibus hoc reliquit qui novum Paschanene legis instituens in cena phase vetus quod proposuit terminare decrevit. Quod mens ergo non capit quod itaque tu non vides animosa in te firmet fides cuius res tanta proponitur vastatis namque ignis huiusmodi furoris singulis predeductis et eo omni quod super altare repperiri poterat comburendum, duplici que pixide cuneo, videlicet exteriori interiorique eburneo infra quos panis ipse vitalis omnia pugilla continens sub arto comprehendi voluit, solus ipse panis loculo conclusus serico qui vim tanti furoris verisimiliter evitare non poterat intactus remanserat miraculose satis.[1] Ecce ad quod cuneum eburneum que non sufficerat mollis ille loculus tenuis et corruptibilis resistere poterat vi contenti. Quantum igitur potes o Christiane tantum gaude que digna magna laude hec fidei probacio nec laudare sufficis in figuris presignatum manna datum patribus factus cibus viatorum a veris sacerdotibus, o immensa divine largitatis beneficia tuo populo domine exhibita Christiano qui tam inestimabilem ei conferre tui sacramenti dignitatem eiusque ob solidandam fidem tante realitatis mirabilius dignatus es ostendere documentum. Nam qui suum corpus pro reconsiliacione nostra in crucis ara optulit deo patri sanguine in precium et redempcionis lavacrum pro nobis oblato hanc ostiam idem solummodo corpus suum in cibum in sanguinem in potum sub panis et vini speciale ore solum presbyteris consecrandis fidelibus sumendis reliquit. Quid etenim hoc cibo salubrius hoc convivio preconsius in quo non vitulorum hircorum ve carnes ut olim fuisse legitur set nobis Christus ipse sumendus proponitur verus deus, ut ergo fratres tanti beneficii iugis in vobis perduret memoria ac tantum huius sacramenti miraculum sinceris mentibus commendantes operibus pietatis et meritis devocionis allectivis indulgenciarum muneribus nobis cooperantibus iuxta posse prepensius excitari possitis ad locum precipue tante laudis quo verisimilius premissorum pretextu speciales gracias consequi poteritis affectatas. De dei omnipotentis gracia eiusque misericordia immensa beatissimeque virginis Marie matris sue necnon sanctissimi confessoris beati Hugonis patroni nostri omniumque sanctorum meritis et precibus confidentes, cunctis parochianis nostris ac aliis quorum diocesani hanc nostram indulgenciam ratam habuerint pariter et acceptam de peccatis suis vere contritis penitentibus et confessis qui ad reedificacionem refeccionem et reparacionem ecclesie et cancelli supradictorum in honore apostolorum Petri et Pauli fundatorum aut ornamentorum eiusdem sic ut premittitur per omnia penitus combustorum aliqua de bonis sibi a deo collatis grata contulerint legaverunt seu quovismodo

[1] Marginal note: "Nota miraculum de sacramento altaris".

assignaverint subsidia caritatis tociens quociens quadraginta dies indulgencie misericorditer in domino concedimus per presentes perseques triennium a data presencium continue numerandum tantummodo duraturum. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Data Lincoln' vicesimo die mensis Junii anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinto, et nostre consecracionis anno primo.

1405. April 11th, Lincoln. Mandate to Richard Wilsford, rector of Kimcote, sequestrator in the archdeaconry of Leicester, to admonisb all non-resident rectors, perpetual vicars and other beneficed clergy in the archdeaconry, and to cite those who do not resume residence within six months to appear before the bishop or his commissaries. Owing to the prevalent absenteeism, divine services are not held, buildings are dilapidated, and parochial duties are neglected.

Mandatum ad vocandum beneficiatos ad residenciam. Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilecto filio magistro Ricardo Wyllesford' rectori ecclesie parochialis de Kynemundecote nostre diocesis nostro in archidiaconatu Leycestr' sequestratori salutem graciam et benediccionem. Quia omne capud languidum et omne cor merens a planta pedis usque ad verticem non est in eo sanitas ut prophetica vox testatur, non est mirum si membra capite languescente languescunt et ad subditos dirivatur corrupcio prelatorum presertim cum canes muti non valentes latrare ad vomitum redeunt vel que vommisse debuerant amplexantur et pastores pascentes pocius semet ipsos nec voce nec baculo fugant lupos in ovile dominicum sementes ; sane si sacerdos peccaverit faciet delinquere populum et cum fuerit sacerdos ut populus pastore tam in lingua quam in mente percusso disperguntur ovicule ac perduntur et cum non habeant doctorem in bona declinant ad dogmata set doctorum et insidiancium predicta fiunt horum etenim nec paucorum quorum onus nostris humeris iam incumbit ovile scissuram patitur, quorum vineam vulpes parvula demolitur et quorum oves luporum insultibus exponuntur iuvare veneria non cessant ovile suum lupi rapaces in ovium vestimentis qui oves rapiunt et dispergunt et cum ecclesiasticam non timeant ulcionem tanto in ovili Christi licencius debachantur quanto minus hactenus [invenerunt] qui spiritualiter eis resisteret et causam dei gladio quod est verbum dei viriliter allegaret. Et licet nunc quodammodo innovari videantur tempora dominice Passionis cum rursus in necem Christi populi silicet sui sancti Herodes conveniant et Pilatus Simon tamen tamque graventur sompno oculi eius adhuc dormit nec exemit in Malcum gladium set torpore ipsum patitur dum hii quos in partem sollicitudinis evocavit, ut Israelis populum custodirent super grege suo vigilias noctis non vigilant set pocius dormiunt et dormitant et prohibent a

sanguine manus suas licet in eorum oculis cum Moabitide coeat vir videns. In mercenarium quoque pastor degenerat dum pascens non populum [*Folio 4*^{v}] set semet ipsum querit in ovibus lactem et lanam nec lupis in ovile insurgentibus se opponit nec se obicit obicem aut murum pro domo domini ascendentibus ex adverso set quia mercenarius conversus in fugam cum possit perturbare perversos et necgligat eorum convincitur iniquitati favere. Cumque declinaverint fore omnes et facti simul inutiles sunt quamplures vix est qui cum Moyse causam dei gladio in populo exequatur et causam populi alleget precibus apud deum, heu quod tot recipiens de manu domini pro custodia gregis sui necglecto itinere quod preberet et sacris spretis que daret eidem tam gregem ipsum dilamari quam credito sibi censu pro eodem se verecundissime spoliari faciat servus ipse nequam, sicut etenim is qui inventus est in pauca fidelis constitui meruit supra multa ita servus qui talentum sibi creditum non tradit nummulariis spirituales ad usuras set in sudario religavitur, eo est sentencia divina privatus, hoc etenim curato cuicumque quem spiritualius inferius alloquimur dicimus in verbo domini qui non attendens quando dominus suus venturus sit et compositurus secum districtissimam racionem talento sibi credito ut in sudario sordeat religato tanquam canis mutus latrare non valens curam necgligit nec opponit se murum pro domo die opponentibus se a tergo. Fama itaque publica referente et facti notorietate clamosa docente ad nostrum quod dolenter referimus pervenit auditum quod nonnulli ecclesiarum curati rectores et vicarii qui iuxta sacrorum canonum instituta in eorum ecclesiis huiusmodi dignitatibus aut prebendis non annexis personaliter residere tenentur absque causa racionabili et legitima quacumque ab eisdem ecclesiis suis earum cura necglecta que supra de pastoribus desidibus recitantur non immunes de quo dolemus dampnabiliter se absentant lucris ut mercenarii temporalibus tantummodo inhabitantes ad loca remota quo voluerint propriis desolatis se transferunt moraturos ; cuius absencie pretextu ultra incommoda dampnifica que superius de talibus affirmantur cultus divinus quam dampnose diminuitur et hospitalitas in ipsis beneficiis non debita set nulla pocius observatur dum vix in septennio sua beneficia visitare student qui iuxta verbum apostolici se in eisdem oporteat et esse debeant hospitales, ecclesie itaque huiusmodi sic necglecte legitimi carentes defensoris auxilio in suis iuribus et libertatibus multipliciter aggravantur ruinis patent eorum edificia et inhumaniter deformantur, et, quod amarius est et durius omni duro, animarum cura gregis dominici necgligitur incanto quarum sanguis in districto dei iudicio de pastorum quin verius mercenariorum huiusmodi manibus exquiri debeat in die magno, ex hoc itaque periculose satis fomentum prebetur viciorum. Quia igitur tante temeritatis necgligencie que et enormitatis excessus dissimilare quod absit nec volumus nec debemus ad conterendum capud reptilium vulpes parvulas capiendi et sementis lupi rugientis que

leonis maxillas in freno cohibendas et .....[1] ne lacerarent decetero vestem Christi et ecclesiam lamarent pastores ipsos nostre diocesis quoscumque quibus est super hoc insudandi et vigilandi circa ad greges desolatos indistincte duximus revocandos messis quidem multa operarii vero paucissimi et nisi desides adaptantur. Quo circa vobis in virtute obediencie sancte et sub maioris excommunicacionis pena districte precipiendo mandamus quatinus citetis seu citari faciatis peremptorie et moneatis seu moneri faciatis omnes et singulos ecclesiarum parochialium rectores et perpetuos vicarios singulosque alios beneficiatos archidiaconatus predicti qui de iure ordinacione aut fundacione eorundem seu de consuetudine ad residenciam sunt astricti in suis beneficiis minime residentes personaliter si semeritis ubi sint ut ipsi infra duos menses ipsos vero qui se fraudolenter absentant nec ad ipsos valet citacio personalis pervenire in beneficiis eorundem trivis edictis palam et publice propositis et publicatis ac in valvis beneficiorum suorum huiusmodi affixis et dimissis ut ipsi infra sex menses a tempore citacionis et monicionis vestrarum huiusmodi continue numerandum ad beneficia sua revertantur et corporalem residenciam sub pena iuris faciant in eisdem dispensacionibus per precessorem nostrum aut predecessorem perantea factis non obstantibus, quibuscumque quod si eorum aliqui secum super hoc aliunde pretenderint dispensatum citetis seu citari faciatis peremptorie eosdem omnes et singulos per omnia modo et forma quibus est superius premissum ad exhibendum coram nobis dispensaciones huiusmodi ulterius que faciendum et recipiendum in ea parte quod canonice convenit institutis. Et quid in premissis feceritis nos aut commissarios nostros ubicumque fuerimus in nostra civitate vel diocesi una cum nominibus et cognominibus per vos in hac parte citatorum et monitorum quo ad personas per vos personaliter monitas ac citatas citra festum sancte Margarete virginis proximum futurum quo vero ad personas alias in eorum beneficiis solum monitas ve citatas citra festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli proximum tunc sequentem distincte et aperte certificetis litteris vestris patentibus habentibus hunc tenorem aliquo sigillo autentico consignatis. Dat' Lincoln' xj^{mo} die mensis Aprilis anno domini etc. quinto, et nostre consecracionis primo.

1405. May 12th, Dorchester. Mandate from Bishop Repingdon to the official of the archdeacon of Lincoln to transmit to the clergy of the diocese instructions to hold special prayers and processions for the success of the king and his army in the Welsh campaign. Forty days' indulgence is promised to all who take part in the intercessions.

Mandatum pro processionibus fiendis. Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilecto filio archidiaconi nostri Lincoln'

[1] Illegible.

officiali salutem graciam et benediccionem. Omnis potestas a domino deo est sub cuius imperio reges regnant et principes dominantur. Ipse quidem est excercituum dominus aciem institutes roborans animos docens manus ad prelium et visitaciones suas potenti virtute mirificans quos vult subicere subicit et quibus vult victoriam imperatur. Ipse namque deus ulcionum dominus sue excellentissime magestati humanam creaturam subiectam per campum illicencie in domum aberrantem secreta dispersacione celestis medicine verberat vulnerat et medetur corripit et castigat ut cognita ipsius clemencia et creature miseria ad penitenciam et obedienciam mandatorum suorum misericorditer revocet et reducat sic populum suum indomitum flagello sue iracundie quandoque punit temporaliter ut eternaliter non condempnet. Ipsius sacro testante eloquio qui cum natus fuerit misericordie recordatur mortem peccatoris non desiderat set ut convertatur ut vincit. De celesti providencia orbem terrarum sub [*Folio 5*] distinccione regnorum disposuit eorumque incolas universos ordinati principis diccioni subiciens sub salubri statuit regimine gubernari ne humane creature statum que sui creatoris ymaginem et similitudinem representat tempestuose fluctuaciones mundi confunderent vel ei quietis beatitudinem auferrent set singuli vita pacifica viverent et ab offensis abstineret. Set prothdolor! eventu rei succidente contrario contra regnum Anglie nobilissimum capud et dominum eius membrum Wallia pessidica perpetua servula incante deserens amplius ancillari a bono pacis huiusmodi se divertens seminato zizannia quod fecerat homo malus voluntarie nimis et nepharie rupto legeancie vinculo novos et exquisitas Regi nostro et regno Anglie iniurias iam a diebus inferre dampnabiliter est conata sicuti indies inferre non deserit mundo teste. Quot etenim dissencionem turbines immineri bellorumque et guerrarum incommoda quam varia nostra heu plus solito temporibus inibi sunt suborta, e quibus nobiles et ignobiles servis in dominos amicis in sodoles notis in proximos filiis in parentes lege religata nature sementibus numero excessivo nimis gladio sunt perempti, cuius inicii si non fallimus peccamen verissime credimus esse causam. Et super hec omnia heu formidatur intimius quod regnum nostrum nobile variis et gravioribus in proximo tribulacionum augustiis non rerum quinimmo et personarum dispendiis et periculis maioribus inimicorum nostrorum huiusmodi iaculo affacient miserabiliter et affligent nisi eorundem conatus huiusmodi et protervia detestanda per excellentissimum principem et dominum Regem nostrum qui in salvis dei clemencia spem reponens et ex eo fructum sui laboris tandem utinam reportans salutiferum pro pace et tranquillitate sui regni et ob rei publice tuicionem contra hostiles incursus strenue se frequenter exposuit solerti studio armata manu potenti clipio militari animosius potencius et celerius reprimantur. Ob quorum confundendam reprimandam que pertinaciam edomandaque superbiencium et

indomitorum colla rebellium atque corda nostri que sui populi salutem communem Rex ipse noster cum excercitu suo grandi ad ipsas Wallie partes prout honori et oneri congruit militari personaliter sunt profecti utinam hora bona eos ad hoc coadiuvante salvis cuncta potentis misericordia salvatoris. Ad quam ac regnantis ipsius vetinam expedicionem et felice devotis oracionum suffragiis atque precibus apud altissimum implorandum vestram devocionem nostris litteris exorta ipsius domini Regis nostri attencius duximus exhortandum. Set quia clerus sicuti et populus torporis hodie et necgligencie viciens incumbens sui immemor obticet eius devocio torpet et tepuit ac cultus oracionis traditus necglectum reperitur, exurgite quod quesimus exurgat que deus et dissipentur iniuria nostri et duplici contericione conterantur ad Regem pacificum Jesum Christum cum integritate fidei spei securitate et promptitudine caritatis humiliato et contrito corde securi concurrite ut ipsius suffulti presidio qui arcusforcium superat et infirmos robore potenter accingit in tabulacionibus quibus incessanter affligimur respiremus bonum consolacionis deus noster Regi nostro de inimiciis victoriam tribuat nobis pacem adiciat et salutem et nostrum noscens figmentum contritorum et humilium oraciones et gemitus non desinat propicius intueri, vestram igitur caritatem et devocionem in visceribus Jesu Christi requirimus et hortamur. Vobis nichilominus in virtute obediencie firmiter iniungendo mandamus quatinus in singulis conventualibus collegiatis et parochialibus nobis subditis ecclesiis per abbates priores decanos rectores vicarios et capellanos parochiales earundem cum omni celeritate possibili presens mandatum nostrum modo quo subsequitur publicari et realiter exequi facere non cessetis, videlicet quod ipsi quarta vel sexta feria recepcionem presencium immediate sequenti huiusmodi mandati nostri causa et effectum clero et populo ad hoc per eosdem specialiter convocando expositis in vulgari premisso si commode poterit verbo dei solempnes extunc que singulis quartis et sextis feriis circa earundem ecclesiarum cimiteria et ante missas speciales faciant processiones sacras letanias pro expedicione felici excellentissimi in Christo principis et domini nostri Regis suorumque se ad actus superius expressatos concomitancium quorumcumque et pro defensione regni et nostra tuicione et proteccione communi apponencium se pro muro omnium que nostrum statu prospero devotis mentibus decantando, a processionibus huiusmodi non cessantes donec a partibus ad quas se transtulit Rex ipse prosperis utinam successibus incolimus redeat cum triumpho. Ut autem ad premissa catholici supradicti animos suos ardencius inclinent omnubus[1] parochianis nostris processionibus et oracionibus huiusmodi interessentibus contritis vero et confessis quadraginta dies indulgencie de iniunctis eis penitenciis misericorditer in domino relaxamus. Dat' apud Dorchestr' xij^{mo} die Maii anno domini quadringentesimo quinto, et nostre consecracionis anno primo.

[1] *Sic, recte* omnibus.

1405. April 24th, Oxford. Mandate from Bishop Repingdon for the promotion of inceptors and bachelors in theology and of masters of arts to the office of preacher in the diocese of Lincoln.

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes litteras inspecturis Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus salutem graciam et benediccionem. Deus enim lux veraque omnem hominem venientem in hunc mundum illuminat in tantum odit opera tenebrarium ut apostolos suos in mundum universum predicaturos evangelium omnium creaturos missuros eos precepit aperte dicens quod dico vobis in tenebris dicite in luce et quod in aure auditis predicate super texta verumtamen [*Folio 5*^{v}] sicut multa sunt membra corporis omnia vero non eundem actum habent ita sint ordines in ecclesia sancti dei set non omnes idem officium habent nec quisquam debet sibi predicacionis officium usurpare cum actis apostolatus quomodo predicabunt nisi mutantur et veritas ipsa precepit apostolicis. Rogate dummodo messis ut initiat operarios in messem suam, unde nos in partem sollicitudinis nostre quam varie ad quam licet immeriti desuper ut speramus evocamur a domino divinorum eloquiorum exposicionem et congruam proposicionem seminis verbi dei per nostras certi tenoris litteras ad quas nos hic referimus certorum graduum condiccionum et ordinum personis commisimus nec dum diu. Verum quia malicia hominium ad malum nostris plus solito de quo dolemus indies excrescente naturam humanam de se ad demum pronam nimis ad perversum semper studiis instigante solicitis ipso iniquitatis filio qui totus iniquus fore dinoscitur in vineam domini cum messis multa fuerit operarios sollicitos uberius adhuc transmitti expedire cognovimus et non paucos. Unde universitati vestre notum deducimus per presentes quod nos in cure gregis dominici nobis commissi relevamen animarumque subditorum nostrorum salutem iniquitateque filii predicti confundendam nequiciam irritandosque sui detestandos laqueos ultra venerabiles viros sacre theologie professores in iureque canonico et civili doctores aliosque quos per nostras litteras priores in onus ministerii nobis traditi cooperatores evocavimus ad premissa nunc eciam pretactorum aliarumque causarum variarum nos movencium pretextu habundancius dispensantes creditum nobis censum universis in ipsa sacra theologia inceptoribus et bacallariis necnon magistris in artibus theologie[1] quibuscumque per matrem nostram venerabilem universitatem Oxon' in presenti graduatis ad predicandum et proponendum verbum dei omnibus et singulis subditis nostris per ambitum nostre diocesis ubilibet constitutis concessimus et attribuimus concedimusque tenore presencium liberam in domino facultatem. Volentes insuper quod si aliequeque dicte universitatis sint persone vite probate litterarumque sciencia imbute eciam si graduate ad huc non existerent qui predicacionis officium in nostra diocesi fructuose desiderant excercere ad presenciam nostram nobis per universitatem

[1] *Theologie* seems to be redundant, and is perhaps a scribal error.

ipsam commendande personaliter accedant votisque eorundem cum accesserint annuentes eis licenciam petitam imperciemur gratuite animo quam libenti. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Data Oxon' xxiiij^{to} die Aprilis anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto, et nostre consecracionis anno primo.

1405. June 10th, Lincoln. Permission to William Campion, vicar of Bicester, to celebrate mass more than once daily, on three days a week, on account of his poverty.

Licencia quod curatus possit celebrare bis in die. Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilecto filio domino Willelmo Campyon' vicario perpetuo ecclesie parochialis de Burcestr' nostre diocesis salutem graciam et benediccionem. Licet cuilibet sacerdoti quacumque dignitate prefulgeat celebrare sufficiat in die missam unam et qui sic digne celebrat valde felix est censendus tamen secundum sacrorum canonum instituta in hac rite promulgata causa necessitatis valeat sacerdos uno die plures missas celebrare. Unde nos ut tu qui vite laudabilis esse dinosceris sicut ex fidedignorum testimonio accepimus ex causa gravis necessitatis ingruentis valeas plures missas uno die celebrare et hoc tribus diebus dumtaxat in septimana tibi tenore presencium liberam concedimus in domino facultatem. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Dat' Lincoln' x^{mo} die Junii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto, et nostre consecracionis anno primo.

1405. May 31st, Sleaford. Licence to John Crouche, priest, to preach in the diocese of Lincoln.

Licencia predicandi Cruche. Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus universis et singulis abbatibus prioribus archidiaconis eorumque officialibus necnon decanis ruralibus rectoribus vicariis ecclesiarum que parochialium curatis quibuscumque per nostram diocesim ubilibet constitutis salutem graciam et benediccionem. Cum nos certis et variis causis moti legitimis in augmentum fidei catholice morum consolidacionem et virtutum nutrimentum populique nobis subditi sancti dei dure cernicis ad demum quod dolenter referimus provi pocius quam ad equum effrenandum perniciem in partem sollicitudinis nostre nobis cooperatores solidos evocantes in bonum ad ministrandum credito nobis gregi dominico huiusmodi sacre predicacionis officium pabulum vite semen sanctum dei certorum graduum status condicionum et ordinum personis tantummodo per nostras primo nostram nondum diu potestatem commissimus atque vices aliis a potestate huiusmodi ne sub pretextu liciti committi potuisset illicitum quod noluimus et ne quod absit sub . . . . . .[1] vestis omne lupos pseudo silicet predicatores qui pocius ingulatores dicere debeant quorum vesane doctrine venenum inficit

[1] Illegible.

et toncidat pocius quam unificat auditorem nos mittere contigisset non absque causa magna in genere pro tunc exclusis verum quia ex post facto in vinea domini sabaothe messem perpendimus multam nimis operaris vero paucos nec approbatos viros virtuosos quorum doctrinam aliquo legitimo documento sanam credere possemus eciam si graduati nondum forent ab artibus huiusmodi secludi voluimus sicuti nec intendimus deo teste ipsos testimonio legitimo suffultos ad nos accedere. Volentes in onus ministerii nobis traditi ad quod soli sufficere non poterimus sicuti profitemur per nostras certi tenoris litteras secundo cooperatores in vineam domini promisimus admittendos ultra eciam graduatos alios quos tunc in ea parte habundancius quam vice prima premissorum pretextu admisimus per easdem universitati igitur breve deduci volumus per presentes quod nos dilectum filium Johannem Creuch' nostre diocesis presbyterum super ipsius vita laudabili moribus et conversacione honestis de sana eciam solida que doctrina fidedignorum testimoniis et litteris nobis multipliciter commendatum errorumque et heresim invium penitus [*Folio 6*] publice vel occulte de eisdem nullatinus suspectum sicuti testimoniis nobis asseritur memoratis ad huiusmodi predicacionis officium quo perfeccius in optata virtute stabiliri poterit vester grex et noster in ecclesiis vestris parochialibus tamen a iure temporibus plenam ad hoc sibi tribuentes potestatem admisimus et per vos universos et singulos cum ad vos accesserit ob hanc causam vestra petita primitus licencia sicuti moris est admitti volumus et mandamus libere quandacumque. In cuius rei testimonium litteras nostras eidem domino Johanni pro nostro beneplacito et dum ut fidelis servus prudentes dispensatas studuerit creditum sibi censum duraturum tantummodo fieri fecimus has patentes. Dat' in castro nostro de Sleford' ultimo die Maii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto, et nostre consecracionis anno primo.

[Undated]. Commission to J. and R., vicars of the parish churches of C. and B., to absolve those persons in the archdeaconry of R. who by by reason of age, sickness or infirmity, cannot go to the bishop for absolution in reserved cases. A list of cases normally reserved to the bishop is given.[1]

Commissio penitenciariis. Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilectis filiis dominis J. et R. vicariis perpetuis ecclesiarum parochialium de C. et B. nostre diocesis salutem graciam et benediccionem. Pastoralis officii debita sollicitudo id exposcit ut non tantum animarum subditorum suorum salutem set eciam corporum presertim infirmorum debilium et impotencium quietem et tranquillitatem prospiciat ac eorum impotenciis infirmitatibus et miseriis paterno compaciatur affectu. Nos igitur in tunc advertentes quod nonnulli utriusque sexus nobis subditi senes valitudinarii

[1] A model form. There is no archdeaconry beginning with R.

imbecilles et infirmi ac alii propter varia impedimenta ad nostram presenciam personaliter accedere, non valentes eorum peccata in casibus solis episcopis reservatis diutius omittunt inconfessa, unde animarum incommoda et pericula gravia sepius contingere formidamus. De vestris propterea prudencia discreccione ac zelo quem ad salutem animarum procurandam habere vos novimus plenam in domino fiduciam obtinentes ut omnes et singulos subditos nostros utriusque sexus vobis divisim peccata sua confiteri volentes infra archidiaconatum de R. constitutos a peccatorum suorum maculis que vobis confitebuntur licite absolvere valeatis et eis pro commissis suis penitencias iniungere salutares eciam in casibus nobis de iure vel consuetudine reservatis. Ita tamen quod penitencie huiusmodi se pecuniarie sumunt in vestros aut vestrum alterius usus vestrorum ve alicuius commodum quod absit nullatinus convertantur ne dum sacramentum tam solempne quo fons puritatis emanat reformata gracia morientem peccato novam creaturam unificet confitente cere cupiditatis laqueis et tante immundicie sedatis sordibus quo ceteris purior esse debeat eo vilius putrescentem maculet auditorem. Casibus infrascriptis videlicet defloracione sanctarum monialium atque virginum adulteriis et incestibus notoriis et diu continuatis periuriis in assisis indictamentis et aliis ubi agitur de morte exheredacione seu gravi preiudicio partis alicuius violenciis et iniuriis persone nostre et ecclesie nostre Lincoln' earum ve iuribus libertatibus et possessionibus illatis casibus que ex iudiciaria potestate descendentibus dumtaxat exceptis liberam vobis et vestrum alteri tenore presencium concedimus facultatem per unum annum tantummodo valiturum. In cuius etc. Dat' etc.

1404. Testament of William Dalby, of Oakham. Dated October 8th. Proved before Bishop Repingdon at Lincoln on June 14th, 1405.

Testamentum Willelmi Dalby.[1] In dei nomine amen. Ego Willelmus Dalby de Okham compos mentis viij° die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ quinto condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo omnipotenti beate Marie et omnibus sanctis et corpus meum ad sepelliendum in ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum de Okham et meum optimum animal nomine principalis.[2] Item lego fabrice eiusdem ecclesie viginti marcas. Item lego vicario ibidem pro decimis oblitis x marcas. Item lego cuilibet capellani ibidem unum nobile. Item lego capellanis pro divinis officiis celebrandis pro anima mea et pro animabus patris mei et matris mee uxorum mearum et benefactorum meorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum c libras, de qua summa volo quod fratres minores Stamford' habeant duo annualia et fratres Augustini de eadem villa alia duo annualia et quod fratres predicatores habeant

[1] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 116. [2] *Sic.*

unum annale et fratres Carmeliti unum aliud annale, ita ut ipsi celebrent pro anima mea et animabus predictis in forma predicta. Item lego Thome Man' vicario de Exston' c solidos. Item lego Johanni Chenyngton' c solidos. Item lego filio Thome Drapour unum nobile. Item lego filio Johannis Parker' unum nobile. Item lego Thome Smyth' quondam commorante in Exston' unum nobile. Item lego Johanni Sapcote xx libras. Item lego Willelmo Lytill' x libras. Item lego Willelmo Luffeld' xx libras. Item lego Willelmo Lesyngham x marcas. Item Anne Wyttilbury c s. Item lego Thome servo meo xl s. Item lego Bernardo Osbern' servo meo xl s. Item lego Magote Osbern' unum nobile. Item lego Alicie de Langham quondam servienti mee unum nobile. Item lego Alicie Chenyngton' unam marcam. Item lego Johanni Eltham apprenticio meo x marcas. Item lego Magote Rydell' servienti mee c s. Item lego Isabelle Aldewyn' xl s. Item lego Agneti Shephird' xl s. Item lego Willelmo Panche xl s. Item lego Willelmo Willelmo[1] et Hugoni filiis Ricardi Sapcote vj libras per equales porciones. Item lego Johanne sorori uxoris mee decem marcas. Item lego Rogero Flore propter officium executoris l libras. Item lego Willelmo filio eiusdem Rogeri xx libras. Item lego Roberto filio eiusdem x libras. Item lego Agneti filie eiusdem xx libras. Item lego Elizabethe et Johanne filiabus eiusdem xx marcas per equales porciones. Item lego Johanni Clerk' de Wyssenden' propter officium executoris l libras. Item lego filio eiusdem xl libras. Item lego domino Johanni Skynner' capellano propter officium executoris xx marcas. Item lego Johanne filie mee xx libras. Item lego Johanne et Elizabethe filiabus Willelmi Grene xl libras. Item lego Johanni fratri meo et filiis suis xl libras. Item lego [*Folio 6*v] domino Simoni magistro hospitalis x libras. Item lego Thome Heremyte et Johanni Godewyn' hospitalis predicti sex libras per equales porciones et aliis decem pauperibus eiusdem hospitalis x libras per equales porciones. Item lego sancte Trinitatis de Tylton' c s. Item gilde Corporis Christi de Leycestr' c s. Item lego gildis Trinitatis sancte Marie et sancti Michaelis de Okham lx solidos per equales porciones. Item lego ad distribuendum inter pauperes et ad exequias meas faciendum in die sepulture mee xl libras. Item lego abathie de Osolveston' xx libras. Item abathie[2] de Landa c s. Item lego Agneti uxori mee l libras et omnia utensilia domus mee viva ac mortua et omnia terras et tenementa prata pascua et pasturas cum omnibus pertinenciis ubicumque fuerint inventa ad terminum vite sue. Residuum autem omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum committo ordinacioni et disposicioni executorum meorum. Et ad istud autem testamentum exequendum ordino facio et constituo executores meos Rogerum Flor' Johannem Clerk' de Sapcote et Johannem Skynner' capellanum ut ipsi ordinent et disponant pro anima mea prout eis melius videbitur expedire. Dat' apud Okham die et anno supradictis.

[1] *Sic.* [2] *Sic, recte* prioratui.

Approbacio eiusdem. Decimo quarto die mensis Junii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto apud Lincoln' coram reverendo in Christo patre et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo exhibitum fuit presens testamentum et probatum. Cuius quidem testamenti probacio approbacio insinuacio ac bonorum omnium ad dictum defunctum spectancium et infra diocesim Lincoln' existencium administracionis commissio pro eo quod idem defunctus tempore mortis sue nonnulla bona mobilia et immobilia in diversis diocesibus notorie obtinebat ad dictum Lincoln' episcopum iure et nomine ecclesie sue Lincoln' de consuetudine laudabili hactenus usitata legitimeque prescripta noscuntur pertinere per ipsum approbatum et insinuatum. Commissaque fuit administracio omnium bonorum dictum defunctum et eius testamentum concernencium infra diocesim Lincoln' existencium Rogero Flore executori in dicto testamento nominato in forma iuris iurato. Potestate committendi consimilem administracionem ceteris coexecutoribus suis cum eam admittere voluerint calculoque et raciocinio administracionis eorundem eidem reverendo patri specialiter reservatis.

1404. Testament of Walter Pedwardine, knight, of Burton Pedwardine. Dated July 20th. Proved before Bishop Repingdon at Lincoln on June 15th, 1405.

Testamentum domini Walteri Pedwardyne militis.[1] In dei nomine amen. Ego Walterus de Pedwardyn' miles compos mentis et sane memorie xx^{mo} die mensis Julii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quarto condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo beate Marie et omnibus sanctis et corpus meum sepelliendum in capella Assumpcionis beate Marie in ecclesia de Burton' Pedwardyn' iuxta patrem meum cum optimo animali meo nomine mortuarii. Item lego Willelmo Mechill' unum ciphum argenteum quam Isabella uxor mea michi dedit. Item lego ad altare capelle Assumpcionis beate Marie de Burton' Pedwardyn' unum vestimentum rubium cum toto apparatu cum duobus fiolis argenti ibidem imperpetuum remanere. Item lego Roberto filio meo militi unum ciphum vocatum ly Nutte et post decessum ipsius procedendum in hereditate. Item lego ad distribuendum pauperibus in villa de Burton' Pedwardyn' xxvj s. viij d. Item pauperibus ville de Clypston' x s. Item pauperibus ville de Nokton' x s. Item pauperibus ville de Warubur' xx s. Item pauperibus ville de Fryskeney xiij s. iiij d. Item lego sex libras cerei faciendas in duobus cereis ardendis in die sepulture mee, unum ad capud et aliud ad pedes corporis mei. Item lego novem ulnas panni russeta faciendas pro uno coopertorio ad cooperiendum corpus meum tumulandum in die sepulture. Et post diem sepulture mee ad distribuendum tribus pauperibus per equales porciones. Item lego

[1] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 132.

monialibus de Sempyngham xl s. Item monialibus de Rosedale sororibus meis xx s. Item lego Willelmo de Helpryngham xx s. Item lego Hankyn' Boteler' servo meo xl s. Item lego Johanni Urkyll' viij s. iiij d. Item Agneti camerarie mee xiij s. iiij d. Item Johanni Waru' xx s. et unam vaccam capiendam in manerio de Burton'. Item sex famulis meis gubernantibus aratra et carectas apud Burton' xx s. dividendos inter equales porciones. Item duobus famulis meis apud Fryskeney si sint ibidem remanentes vj s. viij d. equaliter dividendos. Et Willelmo Sout' vj s. viij d. Item volo quod allocetur Waltero filio meo quicquid expendiderit de bonis suis propriis ultra quam receperit de bonis meis super dictum suum proprium pro omnibus custagiis et expensis per ipsum factis in servicio meo pro me et uxore mea quia ipsum teneo satis fidelem. Huius vero testamenti mei tales constituo executores, videlicet Walterum filium meum Johannem Slory Ricardum Englys capellanum Ricardum Brett' capellanum et Walterum camerarium meum. Et lego predictis Waltero filio meo Ricardo Englys Ricardo Brett' et Waltero camerario meo viij libras argenti dividendas inter eos per equales porciones pro sua remuneracione et labore. Et lego predicto Johanni Slory unum ciphum argenti cum armis meis signatum. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum do et lego predictis executoribus meis ad solvendum debita mea et ad disponendum pro anima mea et uxoris mee et animabus omnium benefactorum nostrorum prout eis melius viderint expedire. Dat' apud Burton' Pedwardyn' die et anno supradictis.

Approbacio eiusdem. Quintodecimo die mensis Junii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto apud Lincoln' coram reverendo in Christo patre et domino [*Folio 7*] domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo exhibitum fuit presens testamentum et probatum ac per eundem dominum episcopum approbatum et insinuatum ac pro vero testamento pronunciatum. Commissaque fuit administracio omnium bonorum dictorum defunctum et eius testamentum concernencium Waltero Pedwardyn' Johanni Slory Ricardo Englys capellano et Waltero camerario executoribus in eodem testamento nominatis in forma iuris iuratis. Potestate committendi consimilem administracionem domino Ricardo Brett capellano eorum executori cum eam admittere voluerit calculoque et raciocinio administracionis eorundem dicto reverendo patri specialiter reservatis.

1405. April 26th, Oxford. Licence to Thomas Crispyn, monk of St. Mary's, York, and principal of the hall called Burnell's Inn in the University of Oxford, for the private celebration of divine services in the hall, for three years.

Memorandum quod xxvj^{to} die mensis Aprilis anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto apud Oxon' concessa fuit licencia fratri Thome Cryspyn' monacho monasterii beate Marie de Ebor' pro

tunc principali seu alteri cuicumque principali futuro hospicii vocate Burnelsyn[1] in universitate predicta quod possint celebrare et facere per alios capellanos divina officia in capella infra dictum hospicium situata celebrari per triennium a data etc. tantummodo duraturum etc. ut in forma consueta.

1405. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to John Littlebury, knight (April 26th), John Berwell of Wootton (April 26th), Katherine Besyls of Oxford (April 26th), and Richard Stafford, priest, of Lincoln (April 18th).

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit consimilis licencia domino Johanni Lyttylbury militi et liberis suis per totam diocesim per triennium duraturum etc. ut in forma communi et consueta.

Eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit consimilis licencia Johanni Berwell' de Wotton' Lincoln' diocesis per triennium tantummodo duraturum.

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit consimilis licencia Katerine Besyls de Oxon' quod possit facere divina celebrari in capella infra mansum suum apud Oxon' per triennium.

Item xviij° die mensis Aprilis anno predicto Lincoln' concessa fuit consimilis licencia domino Ricardo Stafford' presbytero quod possit celebrare et facere celebrari divina officia in capella infra mansum suum infra clausum Lincoln' etc. quam diu domino placuerit.

1405. May 8th, Bicester. Bishop Repingdon gives benediction to the newly elected Cistercian abbot of Bruern, who makes his profession of obedience, saving his order.

Subiecio abbatis de Bruera. Memorandum quod viij° die mensis Maii anno predicto apud Burcestr' coram reverendo in Christo patre et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo venit quidem frater Walterus monachus monasterii de Bruera ordinis Cistercien' Lincoln' diocesis in abbatem eiusdem loci iuxta regulas et statuta dicti ordinis electus et confirmatus, et munus benedicccionis ab eodem reverendo patre prout moris est tunc obtinuit, subieccionem que eidem reverendi patri in scriptis promisit cuius scripture tenor de verbo ad verbum nil addito vel mutato talis est. Ego frater Walterus abbas Bruer' subieccionem reverenciam et obedienciam a sanctis patribus constitutam secundum regulam sancti Benedicti tibi domine pater Philippe episcope tuisque successoribus canonice

[1] "... a tenement of Balliol College called Burnell's yn .... afterwards known known as Balliol Hall." H. Hurst, *Oxford Topography* (O.H.S.), p. 198. "One of the most valuable possessions of Balliol in Oxford consisted of a hall called Burnel's Inn in the parishes of St. Edward and St. Frideswide." *The Oxford Deeds of Balliol College*, ed. H. E. Salter (O.H.S.), p. 91, *et seq.* In 1416, Richard Clifford rented it from Balliol, and later it was held by Benedictine monks. *Ibid.*, p. 95.

substituendis et sancti sedi[1] Lincoln' salvo ordine nostra perpetuo exhibiturum me promitto. Presentibus venerabilibus viris magistris Johanne Hauberk' officiali Lincoln' et Thoma Polton' dicti domini Lincoln' episcopi cancellario.

1405. May 3rd, Banbury. Letters dimissory to the prior of Dorchester for Robert Reading, Thomas Bicester, Edward London, Nicholas Reading, John Caversham, Walter Arch' and Thomas of Walton, canons, to all orders.

Item tercio die mensis Maii anno predicto apud Bannebury concessa fuit licencia *priori de Dorchestr'*[2] quod possit facere fratres Robertum Redyng Thomam Burcestr' Edwardum London' Nicholaum Redyng Johannem Caversham Walterum Arch' et Thomam de Walton' canonicos dicti prioratus[3] ad omnes tam minores quam sacros ordines quos non dum fuerunt assecuti a quocumque episcopo catholico legitime promoveri etc. ut in forma. [F.]

1405. April 26th, Dorchester. Letters dimissory to the abbot of Dorchester for John Clifton (Clyfton'), Roger Wallingford (Walyngford') and John Hagbourne (Hakeburn'), canons of the abbey, having the first tonsure, to all orders. [F.]

1405. April 28th, Dorchester. Licence to Thomas la Zouche, rector of Clopton (Clopton'), for five years' non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause "Cum ex eo." [C.]

1405. April 29th, Dorchester. Licence to Thomas Farrant (Ferrant), rector of Rotherfield Peppard (Retherfeld' Pyppard'), for three years' non-residence for study. [A.]

Same date and place. Licence to the abbot of Dorchester to celebrate divine services privately in his manors in the diocese of Lincoln.

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit licencia abbati de Dorchestr' quod possit celebrare et facere celebrari divina in capellis in maneriis suis infra diocesim Lincoln' situatis quam diu placuerit domino.

1405. April 27th, Oxford. Licence to the master and scholars of Oriel College to put to farm the appropriated church of Coleby, during the bishop's pleasure.

Item xxvij^mo die Aprilis anno predicto apud Oxon' concessa fuit licencia magistro sive preposito et scolaribus aule sive collegii beate Marie de Oryell' Oxon' quod possint dimittere ecclesiam de Coleby

[1] *Sic.* [2] *...* Underlined in MS. [3] *Sic.*

Lincoln' diocesis sibi appropriatam ad firmam quam diu domino placuerit duraturum etc. ut in forma consueta. [G.]

1405. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to Richard Clinton, rector of Skegness (May 17th), and John Marmion (May 16th).

Item xvij^{mo} die mensis Maii anno predicto apud Sleford' concessa fuit licencia domino Ricardo Clinton' rectori ecclesie parochialis de Skegeneys Lincoln' diocesis quod possit celebrare et facere celebrari divina in capella infra rectoriam suam situata per triennium tantummodo duraturum.

Item xvj^{to} die mensis Maii anno domini supradicto apud Castelbytham concessa fuit licencia Johanni Marmyoun quod possit facere celebrari divina officia in capellis de Kestby et Ryngesdon' Lincoln' diocesis per triennium a data presencium continue numerandum tantummodo duraturum.

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1405. May 18th, Sleaford. Licence to Thomas Baldwin (Boudewyn'), rector of Dunsby (Dunnesby), for three years' non-residence for study. [A.]

1405. May 19th, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to Robert Catworth of St. Ives (de sancto Ivone), acolyte, to all orders. [B.]

Same date and place. Letters dimissory to the prior of Dunstable for John Roxton (Rokesdon), John Alboun and John Burton, canons. [F.]

1405. Licences for the private celebration of divine services in chapels or oratories to Lady Alice Bassett of Castle Bytham (May 21st), Matilda Harringdon of Stixwould Priory (May 24th), for the duration of her illness, and Walter Pedwardine, knight (May 22nd).

Item xxj^{mo} die mensis Maii anno et loco predictis concessa fuit licencia domine Alicie Basset domine de Castelbytham quod possit facere divina celebrari in quibuscumque capellis infra diocesim Lincoln' constitutis etc. ut in forma consueta etc. per triennium.

Item xxiiij^{to} die Maii anno et loco predictis concessa fuit consimilis licencia Matilde alias Maude Haryngdon' quod possit facere divina celebrari in capella in camera sua infra prioratum de Stykeswold' situata quam diu detenta fuerit aliqua infirmitate.

Item xxij^{o} die Maii anno et loco proximis predictis concessa fuit consimilis licencia dominis Waltero Pedwardyn' et Roberto filio eiusdem militibus in quibuscumque capellis sive oratoriis suis infra diocesim quam diu domino placuerit.

1405. April 10th, Lincoln. Licence to Richard Holt, rector of Kibworth (Kibbeworth'), for non-residence in accordance with the clause " Cum ex eo." [C.][1]

1405. June 2nd, Sleaford. Licence to the scholars of Broadgates Hall, Oxford, for the celebration of divine services in their chapel, for three years.

Item secundo die mensis Junii anno predicto apud Sleford' concessa fuit licencia scolaribus aule vocate Brodeyotes[2] Oxon' Lincoln' diocesis quod possint celebrare et facere celebrari divina officia in capella infra hospicium predictum situata per triennium tantummodo duraturum.

1405. June 10th, Sleaford. Licence to John Nowell (Nowell'), deacon, rector of Stanwick (Stanwyk'), for two years' non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause " Cum ex eo." [C.]

1405. June 2nd, Sleaford. Licence to John Fraunceys (Fraunceesse), rector of Cosgrove (Cossegrove), for non-residence for study. [A.]

1405. June 6th, Sleaford. Licence to Walter Medford, archdeacon of Berkshire, at present studying at the University of Oxford, for an oratory in his residence at Oxford, or elsewhere, for five years.

Item vj^{to} die mensis Junii anno et loco predictis concessa fuit oratorio magistro Waltero Medford' archidiacono Berks' canonico ecclesie Sarum Oxon studenti in capella mansi sui in quo nunc inhabitat in eadem universitati vel aliis quos in futurum ibidem inhabitabit et in quibuscumque capellis et oratoriis infra diocesim etc.[3] per se et alios canonicos etc.[3] per quinquennium.[4]

1405. June 13th, Lincoln. Licence to Thomas Bolton, rector of Bugbrooke (Buckebroke), for three years' non-residence for study. [A.]

Same date and place. Licence to Philip Garner of Boston, for an oratory.

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessum fuit oratorium Philippo Garnour de Boston' et Margerie uxori eius per triennium.

[1] Marginal note: " Vacat." *Infra*, p. 40.
[2] For the early history of Broadgates Hall, see *The History of Pembroke College*, ed. D. Macleane (O.H.S.). Repingdon may have lived for a time at Broadgates Hall while at Oxford. *See* A. B. Emden, *A Biographical Register of the University of Oxford to 1500*, vol. III, p. 1565.
[3] *Sic.* [4] *Infra*, p. 167.

Same date and place. Letters dimissory to William Swineshead (Swyneshede), subdeacon, to all orders. [B.]

Same date and place. Licence to John Philpot of Elstow, for an oratory.

Item xiij^{mo} die Junii anno et loco predictis concessum fuit oratorium Johanni Philypot de Elnerstow' et Alicie eius uxori per triennium.

1405. April 27th, Oxford. Letters dimissory to John Gleeve (Gleve), scholar, having the first tonsure, to all orders. [B.]

1405. May 7th, Northampton. Licence to the abbot and convent of St. James, Northampton, to put to farm the appropriated churches of Watford (Watford'), Sproxton (Sproxton'), Duston (Duston') with St. Margaret's chapel, Horton (Horton'), Rothersthorpe (Retheresthorp'), Weekley (Wykele), Little Gaddesden (Gatesden' parva), Bozeat (Boseyate), two portions of the church of Roade (Rode) and the chapel of Hartwell (Hertwell'), for five years.[1] [G.]

1405. May 26th, Sleaford. Licence to the prior and convent of Dunstable for the private celebration of divine services.

Item xxvj^{to} die mensis Maii anno predicto apud Sleford' concessum fuit oratorium priori de Dunstaple et conventui de eodem in capellis in maneriis suis et aliis ubicumque infra diocesim etc. in triennium.

1405. June 20th, Nettleham. Licence to Nigel Bondeby, chantry chaplain at Belton, to celebrate one anniversary on account of the poverty of his benefice, the permission to last for two years.

Item xx^{mo} die Junii anno predicto apud Nettelham concessa fuit licencia domino Nigello Bondeby capellano cantarie in ecclesia de Belton' Lincoln' diocesis quod possit celebrare unum annale per biennium propter exilitatem beneficii sui antedicti etc. ut in forma consueta simul vel separatim.

1405. April 19th, Lincoln. Licence to George, earl of Dunbar, for the private celebration of divine services.

Item xix^{mo} die mensis Aprilis apud Lincoln' concessa fuit licencia nobili viro domino Georgeo comiti Dunbarr'[2] eiusque consorti ac liberis suis quibuscumque quod possint facere divina celebrari in quibuscumque capellis sive oratoriis infra diocesim Lincoln' constitutis per triennium.

[1] *Infra*, p. 200. [2] Generally known as the earl of March.

1405. April 19th, Lincoln. Letters dimissory to John Cowick (Cowyk'), of Barton-on-Humber (Barton' super Humbr'), having the first tonsure, to all orders. [B.]

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1405. September 20th, Oxford. Licence to John Well, rector of Leckhampstead (Lechamstede), for three years' non-residence for study. [A.]

1405. June 10th. Letters dimissory to William Broun (Broune), having the first tonsure, to all orders. [B.]

1405. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to John Beech of Silsoe (May 9th) and John Pouger of West Rasen (July 2nd).

Item ix^mo^ die mensis Maii anno predicto apud Northampton' concessum fuit oratorium Johanni Beche de Sulesho Lincoln' diocesis et Alicie uxori eiusdem pro se et familiaribus suis per triennium duraturum ut in forma communi.

Item secundo die mensis Julii anno predicto apud Parcum Stowe concessa fuit licencia Johanni Pouger' de Westrasyn' Lincoln' diocesis quod possit facere divina celebrari in capella in manso suo et quibuscumque aliis infra diocesim Lincoln'.

1395. November 13th, Rome. Papal dispensation to Ralph Repingdon, rector of Castor, who already holds benefices in the dioceses of Lincoln, Lichfield, Chichester and St. David's, of which the total value does not exceed 200 marks, to hold additional benefices or offices in metropolitan, cathedral or collegiate churches, provided that where there is cure of souls it is not neglected.

Repyngdon' pluralitas.[1] Bonifacius episcopus servus servorum dei dilecto filio Radulpho Repynton' rectori parochialis ecclesie de Castr' Lincoln' diocesis salutem et apostolicam benediccionem. Vite ac morum honestas aliaque laudabilia probitatis et virtutum merita super quibus apud nos fidedigno commendaris testimonio nos inducunt ut te favoribus apostolicis et graciis prosequamur. Volentes itaque premissorum meritorum tuorum intuitu necnon consideracione carissimi in Christo filii nostri Ricardi Regis Anglie illustris pro te dilecto familiari suo nobis super hoc humiliter supplicantis favore gracie prosequi specialis tecum qui parochialem ecclesiam de Castr' Lincoln' diocesis ac liberam capellam sancti Michaelis suam infra castrum dicti Regis in Salopia necnon prebendam de Weford' in ecclesia cathedrali Lich' et prebendam de Wartlyng Newenfeld' et

[1] Cf. *Cal. Pap. Lett*, VI, pp. 50–51, 111–112.

Hoo in libera capella Regis de Hastyng Cicestren' diocesis ac aliam prebendam in ecclesia cathedrali Meneven' quorum omnium fructus redditus et proventus ducentarum marcharum sterlingorum secundum communem estimaccionem valorem annuum ut asseris non excedunt obtines ac unum aliud beneficium ecclesiasticum eciam si dignitas personatus vel officium in metropolitano cathedrali vel collegiata et dignitas ipsa in metropolitano vel cathedrali maior post pontificalem aut in collegiatis ecclesiis predictis principalis fuerit si tibi alias canonice canonice[1] conferatur vel assumaris ad illud recipere et una cum dicta parochiali ecclesia licite retinere necnon ecclesiam et beneficium huiusmodi simil[2] vel successive tociens quociens tibi placuerit simpliciter vel ex causa permutacionis dimittere et loco dimissi vel dimissorum aliud vel alia simile vel dissimile aut similia vel dissimilia beneficium seu beneficia ecclesiasticum seu ecclesiastica duo tantum incompatibilia recipere et retinere libera et licite valeas generalis consilii et quibuscumque aliis constitucionibus apostolicis necnon statutis et consuetudinibus ecclesiarum in quibus huiusmodi beneficia forsan fuerint contrariis iuramento confirmacione apostolica vel quacumque firmitate alia roboratis nequaque obstantibus auctoritate apostolica de speciali gracia tenore presencium dispensamus. Proviso quod parochialem ecclesiam ac beneficia huiusmodi debitis non fraudentur obsequiis et animarum cura in eis quibus illa imminet nullatinus necgligatur. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre dispensacionis et voluntatis infringere vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit indignacionem omnipotentis dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum eius se noverit incursurum. Dat' Rome apud sanctum Petrum idus Novembris Pontificatus nostri anno septimo.

1405. June 17th, Lincoln. Licence to John Thimbleby, rector of Cold Hanworth, to celebrate one anniversary, the permission to last for two years.

Item xvij^{o} die mensis Junii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto apud Lincoln' concessa fuit licencia domino Johanni Thymilby rectori ecclesie parochialis de Coldehanworth' Lincoln' diocesis quod possit celebrare unum annale per biennium etc.

1404. Testament of Robert de Cumberworth. Dated July 15th. Proved before Bishop Repingdon at Stow Park on July 13th, 1405.

Testamentum Roberti de Cumberworth'.[3] In dei nomine amen. Ego Robertus de Cumberworth' compos mentis mee et sanus corpore cupiens diem mortis mee in disponendis pro anima mea

[1] *Sic.* [2] *Sic, recte* simul. [3] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 115.

diem mortis mee pervenire et non perveniri xv^to^ die mensis Julii anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ iiij^to^ condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo et corpus meum ad sepelliendum in ecclesia de Somerby vel ecclesia de Stayne prout executoribus meis visum fuerit expediri. Item volo habere quinque cereos circa corpus meum ardentes in toto officio exequiarum mearum et septimo die quorum quilibet erit ponderis quinque librarum. Item lego quinque marcas distribuendas statim post obitum meum inter pauperes tenentes meos in lectis decumbentes et alios magis indigentes, sed volo quod pauperes ac indigentes renentes mei ceteris preponantur. Item lego ad reparacionem navis ecclesie parochialis sancte Elene de Thetylthorp' quinque marcas. Item lego ad reparacionem ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum eiusdem ville xx s. Item lego fabrice ecclesie de Cumberworth' xl s. Item fabrice ecclesie de Stayne xl s. Item fabrice ecclesie de Gayrton' xx s. Item fabrice ecclesie de Somerby xx s. Item fabrice ecclesie beate Marie Lincoln' xx s. Item fabrice ecclesie beate Marie de Malberthorp' xx s. Item volo habere duos capellanos celebrantes pro anima mea et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum per septem annos immediate mortem meam sequentes, et volo quod celebrent ubi videbitur executoribus meis conveniencius expediri. [*Folio 8^v^*] Item lego Johanni Blythe famulo meo xx s. Item lego Johanni de Bekyngton' famulo meo xxs. Item volo quod ceteri famuli mei in testamento meo non nominati remunerentur secundum discreccionem executorum meorum. Item lego Johanni fratri meo uxori et liberis suis xx marcas vel catalla ad valorem xx marcarum. Item volo quod debita mea ante legata mea fideliter persolvantur. Item lego Willelmo de Stayne quinque marcas. Item lego domino Marmeduco et Katerine uxori sue unum ciphum argenteum quem habui ex dono domini Willelmi de Ergum, sic quod ciphus ille remaneat post eorum obitum Roberto filio eorum filiolo meo. Item lego magistro Johanni Huntman cancellario Lincoln' unum ciphum vocatum Westmeles. Item volo quod residuum bonorum meorum disponant executores mei pro anima mea. Huius autem voluntatis mee ultime seu testamenti executores ordino et facio Sibillam uxorem meam Thomam filium meum Johannem de Cumberworth' fratrem meum Thomam de Hagh' Johannem Barde seniorem. Item volo quod Thomas filius meus licet executor fuerit testamenti mei in empicione bonorum meorum si de illis voluerit emere ceteris preferatur dumtamen [annualem] valorem solvat pro emptis secundum discreccionem executorum meorum et supervisorum testamenti mei. Item volo quod bona mea vendita per executores meos ante plenam solucionem de illis factam emptoribus nullatenus liberentur. Huius autem ultime voluntatis mee testes sunt Johannes Huntman cancellarius Lincoln' dominus Robertus Ardern' rector ecclesie de Thoreswaye dominus Edmundus capellanus parochialis de Somerby et multi alii.

Approbacio eiusdem.[1] Terciodecimo die mensis Julii anno domini millesimo cccc^mo quinto apud Parcum Stowe coram reverendo in Christo patre et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo exhibitum fuit presens testamentum et probatum et per eundem reverendum patrem quibuscumque probacionibus insinuacionibus et approbacionibus omniumque bonorum ipsum defunctum et ipsum testamentum concernencium administracionis commissione per decanum de Jordeburgh' factis pro eo quod idem defunctus tempore mortis sue nonnulla bona in diversis diocesibus notorie obtinebat, cuius pretextu ipsius testamenti probacio approbacio insinuacio et ipsius bonorum administracionis commissis ad ipsum episcopum Lincoln' iure et nomine ecclesie sue Lincoln' et de consuetudine laudabili hactenus usitata legitimaque prescripta et nullum inferiorem iudicem pertinere noscuntur primitus revocatis cassatis et adnullatis et pro cassatis annullatis et revocatis legitime decretis et pronunciatis approbatum et insinuatum ac pro vero testamento pronunciatum. Commissaque fuit administracio bonorum dictum defunctum et eius testamentum concernencium et infra diocesim Lincoln' existencium Thome Cumberworth' et Johanni Cumberworth' executoribus in testamento nominatis in forma iuris iuratis, potestate consimilem administracionem aliis coexecutoribus suis cum eadmittere[2] voluerint committendi calculoque raciocinio administracionis earundem eidem reverendi patri specialiter reservatis.

1405. Testament of Robert Pleasington, knight. Dated April 29th. Proved before Bishop Repingdon, Stow Park, July 15th.

Testamentum domini Roberti Plesyngton' militis.[3] In dei nomine amen. Ego Robertus Plesyngton' licet eger in corpore tamen sanus et compos mentis et memoris die mercurii proxima post festum sancti Marci evangele anno domini millesimo cccc^mo quinto condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo omnipotenti beate Marie et omnibus sanctis et corpus meum ad sepelliendum in ecclesia parochiali de Burle in comitatu Rotel' et meum melius animal coram me die sepulture mee nomine principalis. Item lego fabrice ecclesie antedicte c s. Item lego duos cereos magno altari eiusdem ecclesie illuminandos ad missam parochialem diebus dominicis et festivis. Item lego xx s. in elimosinam pauperum die sepulture mee distribuendum. Item lego Johanni Couper' xiij s. iiij d. argenti. Item lego Laroc . . . . .[4] xl s. argenti. Item lego Willelmo de Byssebroke xxvj s. viij d. Item lego Rogero Doeul xxvj s. viij d. Item lego Thome Plesyngton' cognato meo lxvj s. viij d. Item lego Anne Palmer' xl s. argenti. Et quicquid residuum fuerit de bonis meis non legatis, debitis meis persolutis, do et lego Isabelle uxori mee et ipsa de eis disponat pro

[1] "Nota" in margin. [2] *Sic.* [3] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 133.
[4] Blank in MS.

me prout anime mee sibi melius videbitur expedire. Ad huius testamenti execucionem necnon debitorum meorum plenam solucionem faciendum hoc ordino et facio executores meos Robertum vicarium ecclesie de Burle predicta et Johannem Caterall'. Dat' die et anno supradictis.

Approbacio eiusdem. Memorandum quod xv^to^ die Julii anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ quinto apud Parcum Stowe coram reverendo in Christo patre et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo exhibitum fuit presens testamentum et probatum ac per eundem reverendum patrem pro eo quod idem defunctus tempore mortis sue nonnulla bona mobilia et immobilia in diversis diocesibus notorie obtinebat, cuius pretextu ipsius testamenti probacio approbacio et insinuacio ac bonorum omnium ipsius defuncti ipsius testamentum concernencium administracionis commissio ad ipsum Lincoln' episcopum et nullum se inferiorem iudicem iure et nomine ecclesie Lincoln' ac de consuetudine laudabili hactenus usitata legitimeque prescripta pertinere noscuntur approbatum et insinuatum ac pro valore testamenti pronunciatum. Commissaque fuit administracio bonorum dictum defunctum et eius testamentum concernencium et infra diocesim Lincoln' existencium Johanni Caterall' executori in dicto testamento nominato in forma iuris iurato. [*Folio 9*] Potestate committendi consimilem administracionem domino Roberto vicario perpetuo ecclesie parochialis de Burle coexecutori suo cum eam admittere voluerit calculoque et raciocinio adminstracionis eorundem eidem reverendo patri episcopo Lincoln' specialiter et in genere reservatis. Et inde habuit predictus executor iuratus litteras patentes sub sigillo domini.

1405. July 2nd. Licence for the private celebration of divine services to John Pouger of West Rasen.

Memorandum quod secundo die mensis Julii anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ quinto apud Parcum Stowe concessa fuit licencia Johanni Pouger de Westrasyn Lincoln' diocesis quod possit facere divina celebrari in quibuscumque capellis suis et alienis per diocesim per triennium.[1]

1405. July 5th, Stow Park. Licence to John Creeton (Creton'), rector of St. Peter's, Great Berkhamstead (Berkhamstede), for one year's non-residence for study [A.], and to let his church to farm to William Cloth', rector of Hawridge (Hauryg).

Same date and place. Licence to Richard Hooper (Hoper'), rector of Toynton (Toyngton'), for one year's non-residence while in the service of Edmund, bishop of Exeter.[2] [E.]

[1] *Supra*, p. 33.
[2] Edmund Stafford, bishop of Exeter (1395–1419). See *infra*, p. 131.

1405. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to Lady Elizabeth Darcy (July 11th) and Lady Mary Moigne of Rothley (July 12th).

Item xj^{mo} die Julii anno et loco predictis concessa fuit licencia domine Elizabethe domine Darcy quod possit facere divina celebrari in eius liberorumque familie suorum presencia in quibuscumque capellis suis et alienis per diocesim quam diu domino placuerit.

Item xij^{mo} die Julii anno et loco predictis concessa fuit consimilis licencia Marie Moygne domine de Ratheley Lincoln' diocesis quod possit facere divina celebrari in capellis infra maneria sua per diocesim situata quam diu domino placuerit.

1405. July 13th, Stow Park. Licence to Roger Moreton (Moreton') rector of North Thoresby, for one year's non-residence for study. [A.]

1405. Licences for the celebration of divine services in private chapels to Henry, Lord Beaumont (July 13th), Isabel Cumberworth of Somerby (July 13th), Lady Eleanor de Well of Belleau (July 13th), John Bell of Boston (April 10th), and Thomas Bailey of Middleton Cheney (April 11th).

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit licencia domino Henrico domino de Bello Monte et eius consorti quod possint facere divina celebrari in capellis in quibuscumque maneriis suis per diocesim situatis quam diu domino placuerit.

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit consimilis licencia Isabelle Cumberworth' de Somerby Lincoln' diocesis quod possit facere divina celebrari in capella infra mansum suum de Somerby predicta situata per triennium.

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit consimilis licencia domine Elienore domine de Well' de Hellow' Lincoln' diocesis quod possit facere divina celebrari in quibuscumque locis honestis per diocesim situatis per triennium pro se liberis et famuliaribus suis.

Item x^{mo} die mensis Aprilis anno predicto apud Lincoln' concessa fuit consimilis licencia Johanni Bell' de Boston' Lincoln' diocesis et Ibote uxori eius eorumque liberis et familie ad faciendum divina celebrari in capellis infra mansum suum de Boston' predicta situata per capellanos idoneos quam diu domino placuerit ut in forma.

Item xj^{mo} die Aprilis anno et loco predictis concessa fuit consimilis licencia Thome Bayly de Midelton' Cheyndnet Lincoln' diocesis et Alicie uxori eius quod possint facere divina celebrari in quacumque capella per diocesim situata per triennium.

1405. April 10th, Stow Park. Licence to John Liddington, rector of Irnham, to choose a suitable secular priest as his confessor.

LIDDINGTON' CONFESSOR. Item x^mo^ die Aprilis anno et loco predicto concessa fuit licencia domino Johanni Lidyngton' rectori de Irneham Lincoln' diocesis quod possit eligere sibi in confessorem quemcumque sacerdotem discretum et idoneum secularem dumtaxat in omnibus casibus exceptis violenciis et iniuriis quam diu, etc.[1]

Same date and place. Licence to John Liddington, rector of Irnham, to celebrate divine services in the chapels of Bulby and Hawthorpe within his parish.

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit eidem domino Johanni licencia quod possit celebrare et facere celebrari divina in capellis de Boleby et Howrethorp' infra parochia de Irneham situatis per triennium.

Same date and place. Licence to John Holland, knight, for the private celebration of divine services in his chapel at Thorpe Waterville, and to choose suitable secular confessors for himself and his family.

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit licencia domino Johanni Holand' milite et Margarete uxori sue quod possint facere divina celebrari in capella infra manerium suum de Thorp' Watervyle Lincoln' diocesis situata in eorum liberorumque et familiarium suorum presencia necnon quod possint eligere sacerdotes seculares necnon confessores seculares videlicet ad absolvendum eosdem in omnibus casibus exceptis casibus consuetis per triennium.

1405. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to Lady Joan Hemmingford of Graffham, John Emstock of Hoo, and John Denton of Denton (April 11th), and to the abbot of Bardney (April 14th).

Item xj^mo^ die mensis Aprilis anno et loco predictis concessa fuit licencia domine Johanne Hemmyngford' domine de Grafham Lincoln' diocesis quod possit facere divina celebrari in capella situata infra manerium suum de Grafham predicta per triennium.

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit licencia Johanni Emstok' et Johanne uxori eiusdem quod possint facere divina celebrari in capella infra manerium suum de la Hoo Lincoln' diocesis situatum per triennium.

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit licencia Johanni Denton' de Denton' Lincoln' diocesis quod possit facere divina celebrari in capella infra mansum suum situata dumtamen per triennium.

Item xiiij^to^ die mensis Aprilis anno et loco predictis concessa fuit licencia abbati monasterii de Bardeney et eius commonachis quod possint celebrare et facere celebrari divina officia in capellis in

[1] *Sic.*

quibuscumque maneriis sive grangiis suis per diocesim situatis dumtamen etc. per triennium duraturum.

Same date and place. Licence to William Lyon, chaplain, to celebrate divine services in the chapel in the parish of Kirkby by Rasen, for one year.

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit consimilis licencia domino Willelmo Lyon' capellano quod possit celebrare et facere celebrari divina in capella infra parochiam de Kyrkeby iuxta Rasyn' Lincoln' diocesis situata per unum annum.

[*Folio 9*^{v}]

1405. April 10th, Lincoln. Licence to Richard Holt, rector of Kibworth (Kybbeworth'), for seven years' non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause "Cum ex eo", [C.] "ita quod faciat se infra annum accepti regiminis ad ordinem subdiaconatus promoveri."

1405. July 18th, Stow Park. Dispensation by authority of the papal penitentiary for Thomas Langland, of Kirton-in-Holland, and Alice, daughter of Richard Andrewson, who have contracted matrimony without knowing that they are related within the fourth degree of consanguinity.

Dispensacio Langland' auctoritate apostolica. Item xviij^{mo} die mensis Julii anno predicto apud Parcum Stowe dispensatum fuit per reverendum in Christo patrem et dominum dominum Philippum dei gracia Lincoln' episcopum auctoritate litterarum domini Francissi miseracione divina episcopi Sabinen' sibi in hac parte commissi cum Thoma Langland' de Kyrketon' in Holand' Lincoln' diocesis laico et Alicia filia Ricardi Andreuson' muliere in quarto consanguinitate gradu existentibus quod possint stare in matrimonio inter eos legitime contracto, dicto defectu in aliquo non obstante, ac eciam decretum fuit per eundem reverendum patrem Lincoln' episcopum prolem ex huiusmodi matrimonio inter eos suscepto et suscipiendo fore legitimam, et inde habuerint litteras patentes.

1405. July 20th. Licence for the private celebration of divine services to Christina Wykes, widow.

Item vicesimo die Julii anno predicto apud Parcum Stowe concessa fuit licencia Cristiane Wykes vidue quod possit facere divina celebrari in sua et familie sue presencia in quibuscumque capellis suis et alienis per diocesim ubilibet situatis dummodo decentes fuerint quamdiu domino placuerit duraturum.

1405. July 20th, Stow Park. Letters dimissory to John, son of Richard Cooper (Couper') of Shefford, acolyte, to all orders. [B.]

Same date and place. Licence to Richard Darcy of Flixborough for the private celebration of divine services.

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit licencia Ricardo Darcy de Flyxburgh' Lincoln' diocesis et Margarete eius uxori quod possint facere divina celebrari in capella infra manerium suum de Flyxburgh' predicta situata per triennium.

Same date and place. Licence to Richard Barton, warden of the Burghersh chantry in Lincoln cathedral, to choose a suitable secular chaplain as his confessor.

Barton' confessor. Item eisdem die loco et anno fuit licencia domino Ricardo Barton' custodi sive magistro cantarie de Burghersh' in ecclesia Lincoln' fundate quod possit eligere quemcumque capellanum idoneum secularem dumtaxat sibi in confessorem in quibuscumque casibus exceptis casibus consuetis.

1405. July 24th, Stow Park. Licence for non-residence to Thomas Hanley, rector of Belgrave, " locis honestis commorando ". [H.]

1405. April 13th, Lincoln. Licence to John Lutterell, rector of Gedney (Gedeney), deacon, for three years' non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause " Cum ex eo." [C.]

1405. July 31st, Stow Park. Letters dimissory to John Wise (Wyse) of Nethercot (Nethercote), acolyte, to all orders. [B.]

1405. August 1st. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to Lady Margery de Burton of Tolethorpe, Thomas Bevell of Walton, and William Washingley of Abbot's Ripton.

Item primo die mensis Augusti anno et loco predictis concessa fuit licencia domine Margerie de Burton' de Tholthorp' Lincoln' diocesis quod possit facere divina celebrari in capella sive oratorio infra mansum suum predictum quam diu domino placuerit.

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit consimilis licencia Thome Beyvill' de Walton' et Willelmo Wassyngle de Rypton' abbate Lincoln' diocesis quam diu domino placuerit.

1405. August 1st, Stow Park. Letters dimissory to Robert of Conington (Conyngton'), clerk, to all orders. [B.]

1405. July 31st. Licence for the private celebration of divine services to William Castleford.

Item ultimo die mensis Julii anno et loco [predictis] concessa fuit licencia Willelmo Castelford' Margerie eius uxori eorumque liberis quod possint facere divina celebrari in quibuscumque capellis sive oratoriis per diocesim Lincoln' quam diu domino placuerit.

1402. Testament of John Kelfield of Torksey. Dated August 15th. Proved before the official of the archdeacon of Stowe at Torksey on November 27th [? 1402].

Testamentum Johannis Kelfeld'.[1] In dei nomine amen. In festo Assumpcionis beate Marie anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} secundo, ego Johannes Kelfeld' de Torkesey in sana mentis mee memoria condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo omnipotenti et beate Marie et omnibus sanctis eorum et corpus meum ad sepelliendum in cimiterio sancti Leonardi de eadem. Item lego unam togam meam optimam nomine mortuarii ut modus est. Item lego fabrice ecclesie sancti Leonardi vj d. Item lego fabrice ecclesie beate Marie de eadem.[2] Item Johanni vicario de eadem iiij d. Item lego et do Alicie Kelfeld' uxori mee illum toftum meum iacentem in parochia sancte Marie de eadem in quo habitavi tempore mortis mee cum decessere ab hac luce ad terminum vite predicte Alicie dum vixerit in hoc mundo et post decessum antedicte Alicie do et lego antedictum toftum priori et conventui domus sancti Leonardi imperpetuum. Item lego predicte Alicie alium toftum meum iacentem in parochia sancti Petri de eadem cum omnibus terris et pratis commodis et libertatibus eidem tofto pertinenciis infra villam et extra, prius tamen debitis meis solutis de eodem tofto terris pratis levatis cum omni festinacione qua poterit expedire. Residuum vero bonorum meorum do et lego Alicie Kelfeld' uxore mee executrice mee principali et Ricardo Webster de eadem executori secundario ut ipsi deum ante oculos habentes bonorum meorum fideles faciant ministracionem prout illis melius viderint expediri et deo placere. Data apud Torkesey die et anno supradictis, hiis testibus Rogero priore domus sancti Leonardi de Torkesey Nicholao Wodeman de eadem Nicholao Pacy de eadem et multis aliis.

Probacio eiusdem. Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram nobis officiali domini archidiaconi Stowe in ecclesia beate Marie de Torkesey xxvij^{o} die Novembris anno domini infrascripto et per nos approbatum et insinuatum, commissaque fuit administracio bonorum defuncti infrascripti Alicie [*Folio 10*] executrice infrascripte in forma iuris iurate, altero coexecutore consimilem administracionem recipere expresse recusante, compoto et raciocinio nobis specialiter reservatis. Dat' sub sigillo officii nostri die loco et anno supradictis.

[1] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 128, where the date of probate is given as 1405.
[2] *Sic.*

1405. August 16th, Stow Park. Letters dimissory to John Stapleton (Stabulton'), deacon, to priest's orders. [B.]

1405. August 22nd, Stow Park. Licences for three years' non-residence to Robert Broughton, rector of Bigby (Bekeby), John Harper (Harpour), rector of Luddington (Ludyngton'), and William Barrow (Barowe), rector of Helmdon (Helmeden'), at the request of[1] Thomas, Beckingham, archdeacon of Lincoln. [E.]

1405. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to William Lane, canon of Lincoln and rector of Ivinghoe (August 16th), and to William Wade of Trusthorpe (August 17th).

Item xvj^{to} die mensis Augusti anno predicto apud Leycestr' concessa fuit licencia domino Willelmo Lane canonico ecclesie Lincoln' ac rectori ecclesie parochialis de Ivingho' quod possit celebrare divina in capellis sive oratoriis tam suis alienis per diocesim etc. quamdiu etc.

Item xvij^{to} die eiusdem mensis anno predictis et loco concessa fuit consimilis licencia Willelmo Wade et Johanne eius uxori infra capella sive oratorio in manso suo apud Trusthorp' Lincoln' diocesis quamdiu etc.

1405. August 17th, Leicester. Licence to Richard Almonley, rector of Cadeby, for three years' non-residence for study. [A.]

1405. August 18th, Leicester. Licence to John Russell (Russell'), rector of Evedon (Evedon'), acolyte, for two years' non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause "Cum ex eo." [C.]

1405. August 12th, Stow Park. Licence to John Prest of Claypole, priest, to celebrate divine services in the chapel of St. Helen in his parish.

Item xij^{mo} die Augusti anno predicto apud Parcum Stowe concessa fuit licencia domino Johanni Prest de Claypull' presbytero quod possit celebrare divina in capella in honore sancte Elene infra parochiam de Claypull' predicta fundata quamdiu etc.

1405. August 27th, at Stow Park. Licence to the heirs, executors and tenants of the late James Roos, lord of Gedney, to celebrate divine services in his private chapel, for three years.

Item xxvij^{mo} die mensis Augusti anno et loco predictis concessa fuit licencia celebrandi in capella infra manerium dudum domini Jacobi Roos defuncti de Gedeney per triennium Roberto Roos et

[1] "Contemplacione." "'Nostri contemplacione', id est, nostri ergo vel causa" (Ducange). Cf. ff. 61^{v}, 68^{v}, 105^{v}.

Johanne uxori eius Johanni de Meres Johanni de la Laund Johanni Wessyngton' et Roberto Clayer' capellano heredibus executoribus et feoffatis predicti domini Jacobi.

1405. September 3rd, Stow Park. Licence to William Hobull', rector of Tackley (Taklee), for one year's non-residence for study. [A.]

1405. August 30th, Stow Park. Licence to Thomas Greatham, hermit, to celebrate divine services in the chapel in his hermitage at Burreth (now Tupholme) for three years.

Item penultimo die mensis Augusti anno et loco predictis concessa fuit licencia Thome Gretham hermite hermitagii de Sylverys[1] in parochia de Burreth' Lincoln' diocesis quod possit facere divina celebrari in capella in honore sancti Johanni Baptiste et sancte Sithe in dicto hermitagio fundata per triennium.

1405. August 29th. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to Thomas Fotheringhay of Turvey and Nicholas Woodhill of Odell.

Item xxix^{mo} die Augusti anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto apud Parcum Stowe concessa fuit licencia Thome Fodrynghey de Torbey Lincoln' diocesis Agneti eius uxori et eorum liberis quod possint facere divina celebrari in capella infra mansum suum de Torbey predicta per triennium.

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit licencia consimilis Nicholao Wodehyll' de Wodehyll' Lincoln' diocesis Margarete eius uxori et eorum liberis per triennium.

1405. September 2nd, Stow Park. Letters dimissory to John Austin (Austyn'), subdeacon, to all orders. [B.]

1405. August 27th, Stow Park. Admission by the bishop of Roger Aysthorpe, Carmelite friar, to hear confessions in the diocese in accordance with the constitution "Super Cathedram."

Admissio fratris Rogeris Aysthorp' iuxta constitucionem "Super Cathedram." Item memorandum quod xxvij^{mo} die mensis Augusti anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto apud Parcum Stowe venit quidam frater Rogerus Aysthorp' frater ordinis beate Marie de Monte Carmeli coram reverendo in Christo patre et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo et eidem reverendo patri quasdam litteras clausas sigillo officii prioris provincialis

[1] Thomas de Gretham, hermit of the cell, with chapel, at "Silverys" in Burreth, is mentioned in R. M. Clay's *Hermits and Anchorites of England*, pp. 226–7. See *infra*, II, p. 226.

ordinis predicti ut apparebat sigillatas, tenorem habentes subsequenter. Venerabili in Christo patri ac domino domino Philippo divina providencia Lincoln' episcopo suus humilis in domino servulus et orator frater Stephanus frater ordinis beatissime dei genitricis de Monte Carmeli prior provincialis indignus per Angliam constitutus honorem et reverenciam debitam et devotam. Cum per constitucionem " Super Cathedram " salubriter sit provisum quod fratres de ordinibus mendicancium sciencia et moribus approbati per suos provinciales vel eorum vicarios ad confessiones fidelium audiendum electi prelatis ecclesie pro exequendo eodem officio debeant presentari; hinc est reverende pater et domine quod meum confratrem dilectum fratrem Rogerum Aysthorp' sacerdotem eiusdem ordinis et professum virum utique sciencia competentem sed consciencia prepollentem exhibitorem presencium vestrum pater reverende ac dominacioni benigne medientibus humilitatis mee litteris presentare decrevi suppliciter ac devote rogando quatinus ipsum fratrem Rogerum ad confessiones fidelium audiendum in vestra diocesi iuxta vim et effectum constitucionis predicte ad ordinem nostrum prefatum extense per privilegium speciale admittere dignemur cum favore beata [*Folio 10v*] vero mater et virgo cum filio suo Christo vestram paternitatem ac dominacionem venerabilem et benignam in honore salvare dignetur, cui meipsum ut meos confratres humiliter recommendo. Scriptum in conventu nostro Lincoln' sub sigillo officii mei anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinto mensis Julii vicesimo sexto die. Post quarum litterarum inspeccionem idem reverendus pater eundem fratrem Rogerum ad officium de quo supra sit mencio tamquam habilem et ydoneum admisit et de admissione sua litteras eiusdem reverendi patris patentes secum reportavit sub forma et tenore verborum consimilis littere in libro memorandi bone memorie Johannis Buckyngham quondam Lincoln' episcopi folio eiusdem libri septimo registrate.

1405. April 22nd, Leicester. Similar letters granted to John Ashton, Dominican friar, to hear confessions.

Item xxij° die mensis Aprilis anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ quinto in ecclesia conventuali beate Marie de pratis Leycestr' coram reverendo in Christo patre et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo venit quidam frater Johannes Ashton' ordinis predicatorum et quasdam litteras clausas sigillo officii prioris provincialis ordinis predicti sigillatas forme precedentis littere consimiles eidem reverendo patri presentavit. Visis igitur litteris eisdem idem pater publice protestabatur quod ipsum fratrem Johannem voluit et omnino intendebat in forma debita et non aliter admittere. Presentibus tunc ibidem magistris Thome Polton' et Johanne Hauberk ac Johanne Grantham et aliis. Stretton notarius.

1405. August 22nd, Stow Park. Letters dimissory to William Skaife (Skayfe), rector of Gate Burton (Gaytburton'), subdeacon, to all orders. [B.]

1405. September 6th. Licence for an oratory to William Wale of Northampton.

Item vj^{to} die mensis Septembris anno et loco predictis concessum fuit oratorium Willelmo Wale de Northampton' Lincoln' diocesis et Johanne eius uxori in manso suo de eadem quamdiu domino placuerit etc. ut in forma.

1405. September 9th, Stow Park. Licence to William Melton, rector of Keal (Sheyle), for two years' non-residence for study. [A.]

1405. September 10th, Lincoln. Licence to the prioress and convent of Stixwould to put to farm the appropriated churches of St. Mary, Wainfleet (Waynflet), Lavington and Hundleby (Hundelby), for two years. [G.]

1405. September 11th, Stow Park. Licence to George Colne, rector of North Scarle, subdeacon, for one year's non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause " Cum ex eo ". [C.]

1405. September 20th, Liddington. Licence to William Lassells (Lassels), rector of Holywell, for three years' non-residence for study. [A.]

1405. September 19th, Liddington. Licence to John Ruskington, chantry chaplain in Rippingale church, to celebrate one anniversary, the permission to last for two years.

Item xix^{mo} die eiusdem mensis anno predicto apud Lidyngton' concessa fuit licencia domino Johanni Ryskyngton' capellano cantarie in ecclesia de Repynghale Lincoln' diocesis quod possit celebrare unum annale per biennium.

1405. September 20th, Liddington. Appointment of William Stone, Franciscan friar of Stamford, as penitentiary for the deaneries of Peterborough, Oundle, Rutland and Stamford.

STONE PENITENCIARIUS. Item vicesimo die mensis Septembris anno et loco predictis frater Willelmus Stone frater ordinis fratrum minorum conventus Stamford deputatus fuit penitenciarius domini infra decanatus de Burgh' Oundell' Roteland' et Stamford' et ibidem habuit litteras testimoniales iuxta tenorem littere alibi in primo quaterno presentis libri contente.[1]

[1] *Supra*, p. 23.

1405. September 21st. Licence to Thomas Chambers, chaplain, to celebrate divine services in suitable places in the diocese, for three years.

CHAUMBR' OR'. Item xxj^mo die eiusdem mensis anno et loco predictis concessa fuit licencia domino Thome Chaumbr' capellano Lincoln' diocesis quod possit celebrare divina in quibuscumque locis honestis per diocesim per triennium.

1405. September 22nd, Liddington. Licence to John Lathbury (Lathebury), rector of Broughton (Broughton'), to put his church to farm, for three years. [D.]

1405. Letter from the bishop of London (dated August 30th), forwarding a mandate from Archbishop Arundel (dated August 19th), asking for special prayers and processions for the success of the king's expedition against the duke of Orleans and the Welsh, and for the peace of the Church.

LITTERA ARCHIEPISCOPI PRO PROCESSIONIBUS.[1] Reverendo in Christo patri ac domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo Rogerus[2] permissione divina London' episcopus salutem in auctore salutis. Litteras reverendi in Christo patris et domini domini Thome dei gracia Cantuar' archiepiscopi tocius Anglie primatis et apostolice sedis legati nuper recepimus in hec verba. Thomas permissione divina Cantuar' archiepiscopus tocius Anglie primas et apostolice sedis legatus venerabili fratri nostro domino Rogero dei gracia London' episcopo. Superni providencia iudicis mirabili pietate acies civitarum dirigens nacionum roborans animos docens manus ad prelium et digitos electorum ad bellum suamque omnipotenciam manufestans[3] quos vult subicere subicit et quibus vult victoriam impertitur. Excellentissimus igitur princeps et dominus in domino Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie illustris et dominus Hibernie fidedigna relacione concipiens quod ille continuus adversarius nominis Anglicani Regisque nostri predicti inimicus capitalis dux Aurelian' cum non modica classe ad numerum videlicet centum quadraginta quatuor navium armatorum in portu de Milford' applicuit in consolamen et refugium rebellium partium Wallie ad depopulandum et destruendum si sibi arrideret fortuna quod absit regium populum et gentem Anglicanum. Considerans insuper et advertens idem dominus noster Rex quod plus est de superno potestatis assistencia quam de terrena potencia confidendum nobis cum instancia rogavit ut ipsum cum suo excercitu qui dictos inimicos suos divina favente clemencia propulsare intendit in suis agendis apud altissimum excercitum dum devotas oracionum suffragiis commendemus. Nos igitur ipsius rogatibus[3] inclinati vestre

[1] Cf. *Reg. Mascall*, p. 6.
[2] Roger Walden, bishop of London (1404–6).
[3] *Sic.*

fraternitati committimus et mandamus quatinus omnibus et singulis nostris fratribus et coepiscopis nostre Cantuarien' ecclesie suffraganeis nostris vice et auctoritate cum ea celeritate qua poteritis iniungatis, quod ipsi in ecclesiis suis et aliis suarum civitatum et diocesium diebus solempnibus et festivis subditos suos clericos et laicos efficaciter moneant et inducant seu [*Folio 11*] moneri faciant et induci quod pro salubri statu et felici expedicione predicti domini nostri Regis et regni sui ac ecclesie Anglicane procerumque suorum et excercituum cum omni cordis humilitate processiones singulis quartis et sextis feriis faciant et fieri procurent aliaque pie placacionis officia excerceri faciant humiliter et devote ut deus noster omnipotens eorum precibus complacatus ipsum dominum nostrum Regem excercitumque suum ac proceres et fideles a cunctis defendant inimicorum subsidiis et eis graciam tribuat ad hostes huiusmodi debellandos et pacem sancte ecclesie prospere confovendum. Et ut ad taliter supplicandum mentes fidelium perpensius excitentur, de dei omnipotentis immensa misericordia et beatissime Marie virginis matris eiusdem ac gloriosorum martirum sanctorum Alphegi et Thome patronorum nostrorum omniumque sanctorum meritis et precibus confidentes, ipsis fidelibus omnibus et singulis de peccatis suis vere penitentibus contritis et confessis facientes ut premittitur supradicta quadraginta dies indulgencie tociens quociens concedimus per presentes, et sic per alios confratres et suffraganeos nostros concedi suademus de die vero recepcionis presencium, et quid inde feceritis nos cum celeritate possibili reddere curetis debite certiores litteris vestris patentibus habentibus hunc tenorem. Dat' in manerio nostro de Maydeston' xix^{mo} die mensis Augusti anno domini millesimo quinto, et nostre translacionis noni. Quarum auctoritate litterarum vobis reverende pater cum ea qua decet reverencia firmiter iniungendo mandamus quatinus vos civitatem et diocesim vestras aut personas earundem concernunt iuxta formam et tenorem earundem cum ea celeritate qua poteritis execucioni plenarie demandetis et faciatis effectualiter demandari. Dat' in manerio nostro de Wykham die penultima mensis predicti anno domini supradicto, et nostre provisionis ad ecclesiam London' anno primo.

[Undated]. Mandate to the abbot of Notley to take measures against false preachers in churches appropriated to the abbey, especially in the parish church of Chilton. Unauthorized persons who disobey the abbot's mandate are to be cited before the bishop within twelve days.

Citacio pro pseudo predicatoribus. Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilectis filiis abbati et conventui monasterii de Nottele nostre diocesis salutem graciam et benediccionem. Cum nos nuper per nostri certi tenoris litteras in nostre sollicitudinis relavamen ad proponendum semen verbi dei certis ut infra patet

personis nostras committentes vices pseudo predicatores et alios ad id per nos non admissos ex causis quam magnis in eisdem insertis vobis ut credimus publicatis ab officio huius excudli fecimus iusticia id poscente. Cum inquiat apostolicis quomodo predicabunt nisi mutantur et alibi rogate dum messis ut mittat operarios in messem suam etc.,[1] declarentes tunc plenius per ipsas litteras nostras quorum graduum et condicionum personis predicacionis officium excercendi et quibus in hac parte et non aliis alibi quam in ipsorum propriis dumtaxat ecclesiis committi voluimus potestatem. Quas equidem graduum condicionum et ordinum personas licet perante per universum nostre iurisdiccionis ambitum publicari fecimus indistincte hic ob causa ex habundanti eas declarare volumus vicibus iteratis. In sacra scilicet pagina professores bacallarios et inceptores in iure canonico et civili doctores et inceptores magistros in artibus theologicos dumtaxat et fratres cuiusque ordinis iuxta forma Clementini dudum admissos de heresi aut erroribus non suspectos in onus ministerii nostri nobis cooperatores evocaminus seclusis aliis quoad premissa sub pena gravibus et censuris. Verum quia quidem dampnate temeritatis filii ut accepimus proprie salutis immemores et nimia presumptuositate nostris statutis et ordinacionibus incaute rebelles in ecclesiis vobis appropriatis et precipue in ecclesia parochiali de Chylton' nostre diocesis antedicte premissis non obstantibus cum de premissorum minimo non extiterint predicacionis officium usurpent et ad curam inibi per vos nullatenus admissi quin pocius vobis reclamantibus et invitis ausu temeraria divinis se immiscere non desinunt in eisdem in suarum grave periculum animarum aliorum perniciosum exemplum vestrum preiudicium non modicum nostre que iurisdiccionis contemptum manufestum.[1] Quocirca vobis committimus et mandamus quatinus si post monicionem per vos aut a vobis ad hoc deputandum eis in hac parte faciendi a temeritatis sive presumpcione non destiterint cum effectu citetis seu citari faciatis peremptorie eosdem omnes et singulos eorumque complices auctores et fautores quod compareant coram nobis etc.[1] xij° die iuridico post citacionem huius eis fiendam ubicumque etc.[1] super premissis eis et eorum cuilibet ex officio nostro mero etc.[1] obiciendis responsuri etc.[1] Et quid feceritis etc.[1] Dat' etc.[1]

1405. September 2nd, Liddington. Licence to John Corby, rector of Bottesford, subdeacon, for five years' non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause "Cum ex eo". [C.]

1405. October 6th, Liddington. Citation of John Corby, rector of Bottesford, on a charge of having taken part in a battle and of there committing the crime of homicide. He pleads not

[1] *Sic.*

guilty to the charge, and gives proof that he was present at the battle only by chance, and that he did not kill or injure any person there. He is acquitted by the bishop.

Declaracio factus Corby. Noverint universi per presentes nos Philippum permissione divina Lincoln' episcopum dilectum Johannem Corby rectorem ecclesie parochialis de Bottelesford' nostre diocesis ad certos diem et locum competentes coram nobis iudicialiter evocasse super gravi crimine homicidii ut dicebatur per eum commissi et in bello apud Salopiam[1] nuper perpetrata ad meram anime sue correccionem per nos eidem in forma iuris obiciendum de iusticia responsurum. Quibus die et loco prefatus Johannes Corby coram nobis personaliter comparens ac dictam crimen eidem in forma iuris obiectum constanter negavit. Et tunc ibidem per probaciones et legitima documenta in hac parte per eundem [*Folio 11v*] Johannem coram nobis productis et exhibitis fundavit et probavit se ex casu et nulla causa deliberacione in dicto bello interfuisse nec animo occidendi nec ad occidendum ad dictam bellum venisse nec aliquem ibidem occidisse nec mutilasse. Unde nos premissis consideratis et plenius intellectis eundem Johannem fuisse et esse liberum et immunem ab huiusmodi crimine homicidii pronunciavimus et declaravimus et ipsum ab ulteriori impeticione officii nostri dimisimus in hac parte. Que omnia et singula universitati vestre significamus per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Dacta[2] apud Lidyngton' vj^{to} die Octobris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto, et nostre consecracionis primo.

1405. October 14th, Liddington. Letters dimissory to John Timcock (Tymcok') of Blunham, deacon, to priest's orders. [B.]

1405. October 4th, Liddington. Licence to John Wright (Wryght) of Blyth (Blyda), rector of the mediety of Claypole, for three years' non-residence for study. [A.]

Same date and place. Licence for the private celebration of divine services to John Bussey of Hougham.

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit licencia Johanni Bussy de Hogham Lincoln' diocesis et Margarete eius uxori quod possint facere divina celebrari in oratorio sive capellis infra manerium suum de Hogham predicta quamdiu etc.

[1] Probably the battle of Hatley Field, near Shrewsbury, which took place in July, 1403.

On October 29th, 1405, Pope Innocent VII directed the treasurer of Lincoln to exonerate Robert Bawe, alias Gogh, priest, for his part in a battle near Shrewsbury, when, in defence of himself, the king and the realm, he shot a number of assailants with his bow. *Cal. Pap. Lett.*, VI, p. 71. Cf. *Reg. Bubwith*, I, p. 50.

[2] *Sic, recte* data.

1405. October 22nd, Liddington. Licence to Ellen Empingham, anchoress, of Stamford, to choose a confessor.

EMPYNGHAM CONFESSOR. Item xxij° die Octobris anno et loco predictis concessa fuit licencia Elene Empyngham anachorite Stamford' Lincoln' diocesis quod possit eligere quemcumque ydoneum presbiterum in confessorem quamdiu etc.

Same date and place. Licences for oratories to the principal and fellows of Ber Hall and the principal and fellows of Beke's Inn in the University of Oxford.

BEREHALL' ORAT'. Item xxij° die Octobris anno et loco predictis concessa fuit licencia principali de Berehall'[1] Oxon' et consociis suis quod possint celebrare et facere celebrari divina in oratorio infra mansionem suam quamdiu etc.

BEKESYN' ORAT'. Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit consimilis licencia principali et consociis de Bekesyn'[2] Oxon'.

1405. October 26th, Liddington. Letters dimissory to John Hougham (Hogham), rector of Scotton (Scotton'), having the first tonsure, and to John Hervy of Stow, acolyte, to all orders. [B.]

1406. Mandate of Archbishop Arundel (dated June 5th) for the reissue of Archbishop Islip's constitution of February 18th, 1351, concerning the custody of convicted clerks.

MANDATUM ARCHIEPISCOPI CANTUARIEN' PRO CUSTODIA CLERICORUM CONVICTORUM. Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis per provinciam nostram Cantuarien' ubilibet constitutis presentes nostras litteras inspecturis. Thomas permissione divina etc. Noverint universitas[3] (etc.) [to *Folio 12*]. Dat' London' quinto die mensis Junii anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ sexto, et nostre translacionis anno decimo.

1405. November 5th, Liddington. Licence for an oratory to Simon, rector of Tattershall.

Memorandum quod quinto die mensis Novembris anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ quinto apud Lidyngton' concessa fuit licencia domino Simoni rectori ecclesie parochialis de Tatteshale Lincoln' diocesis quod possit celebrare divina in oratorio infra mansum rectorie sue per unum annum.

1405. Testament of Walter Cokseye, knight. Dated at Caldwell, May 19th. Proved before the archbishop of Canterbury at Worcester on October 6th, and before Bishop Repingdon at Liddington on November 14th.

[1] See Hurst, *op. cit.*, p. 200. [2] *Ibid.* [3] As *Concilia*, III, p. 13.

Testamentum Walteri Cokesey militis.[1] In dei nomine amen. Die martis in festo sancti Dunstani archiepiscopi anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto, ego Walterus de Cokeseye miles compos mentis et sane memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo omnipotenti beate Marie et omnibus sanctis corpusque meum ad sepeliendum in cancello ecclesie parochialis Omnium Sanctorum de Kydermynstr' coram gradibus summi altaris. Item lego xx libras cere ad faciendum quinque cereos et volo quod habeant octo torches et quod homines sint induti cum albis ad ardendum circa corpus meum. Item lego ecclesie cathedrali Wygorn' xx s. Item lego monialibus Wygorn'[2] xx s. Item lego xiij s. et quatuor denarios ad distribuendum inter tenentes si qui maliciose vel extorciose gravati per me vel antecessores meos fuerint. Item lego fabrice ecclesie de Kydermynstr' in loco ubi pater meus et mater mea iacent xl s. Item lego ecclesie de Wytley vj s. viij d. Item lego ecclesie de Sapy vj s. viij d. Item lego ad opus ecclesie de Babbelake de Coventre xx s. Item lego quatuor presbiteris celebrandis pro anima mea antecessorum et successorum meorum in domibus de Bordesley Hales' Sandewell et Doddeford' cuilibet eorum presbitero xiij s. et iiij d. Item lego Waltero filio meo xxiiij discos argenti cum tot saucers de argento. Item lego eidem ij pottes argenti cum uno ewere signato cum signo patris mei. Item lego eidem unum spyceplate signatum cum eodem signo patris mei. Item lego Willelmo Rede [*Folio 12*^{v}] unam zonam argenti auratam. Item lego Henrico de Haggeley unum ciphum argenti et unam bonam mappam. Item lego Isabelle uxori mee vj discos argenti de optimis cum saucellis. Item lego eidem Isabelle ij pottes argenti non signatos. Item lego eidem Isabelle optimum secundum lectum meum cum toto apparatu. Item lego eidem Isabelle unam bollam argenti de maioribus et unum novum ciphum coopertum. Item lego eidem Isabelle ij bayseynes cum ij eweres argenti ad emendum domum si necessitatem habeat emendi domum. Item lego Waltero filio meo xij cocliaria argenti. Item lego Ricardo Partot xx s. Item lego Isabelle uxori mee ij saucellas de maioribus. Et quicquid residuum fuerit bonorum meorum debitis meis plane solutis et ultima voluntate mea completa remaneant Isabelle uxori mee prima pars, secunda pars remaneat Waltero filio meo et Matildi uxori sue, et tercia pars remaneat Isabelle uxori mee et executoribus meis ut ipsi disponant et ordinent prout illis melius videbitur expedire pro anima mea. Item lego Johanni Hamud' capellano meo xx s. Et si contingat que predictus Walterus filius meus vel Matilda uxor eius sinistrarunt vel impedierint executores meos seu aliquis alius nomine eorum ultimam voluntatem meam compleri, tunc voluntas mea est quod executores mei illud residuum tercie partis illis legatis vendi faciant

[1] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 113.

[2] Possibly the Penitent Sisters. See *Medieval Religious Houses in England and Wales*, ed. Knowles, D. and Hadcock, R. N., p. 233.

ad salutem anime mee et animarum omnium fidelium defunctorum. Et ad istud testamentum bene et fideliter exequendum ordino et constituo executores meos Isabellam uxorem meam Willelmum Rede rectorem ecclesie parochialis de Marteley Henricum Haggeley Johannem Hamond' capellanum. Dat' apud Caldewell' anno domini supradictis.[1]

Approbacio archiepiscopi. Tenore presencium nos Thomas permissione divina Cant' archiepiscopus tocius Anglie primas et apostolice sedis notum facimus universis quod vj^{to} die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} v^{to} in ecclesia cathedrali Wygorn probatum fuit coram nobis testamentum dilecti in Christo filii domini Waltero de Cokeseye militis defuncti presentibus annexum. Ita que testamentum cassatis primitus approbatis et annullatis ac per cassis irritis et nullis pronunciat et declaratis approbacione et insinuacione ac bonorum administracionis commissionis eiusdem per magistrum Willelmum Fostere venerabilis fratris nostri domini Ricardi[2] dei gracia Wygorn' episcopi commissarium generalem alias licet indebite et minus iuste factis per nos virtute prerogative ecclesie nostre Lincoln' pro eo quod idem defunctus nonnulla bona in diversis diocesibus nostre Cant' provincie obtinuit dum vivebat approbatum fuit et insinuatum et legitime pronunciatum pro eodem administracio que omnium bonorum dictum defunctum et eius testamentum concernencium ubicumque infra nostram provinciam Cant' existencium. Dilectis in Christo filiis Isabelle Willelmo Henrico et Johanni executoribus in eodem nominatis commissa extitit et per eosdem admissa in debita forma iuris. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Dat' die et loco mense et anno supradictis, et nostre translacionis anno decimo.

Approbacio per episcopum. Tenore presencium noverint universis quod nos Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus testamentum nobilis viri domini Walteri Cokesey militis iam defuncti nonnulla bona mobilia et immobilia in diversis diocesibus tempore mortis sue notorie obtinentis, cuius pretextu ipsius testamenti probacio approbacio et insinuacio ac pro ipsius vero valore pronunciacio administracionis que bonorum dicti defuncti infra nostram iurisdiccionem existencium commissio compoti sive calculi administracionis huiusmodi reddicio audicio et finalis liberacio ab eadem ad nos de iure et nomine ecclesie nostre Lincoln' ac de consuetudine laudabili hactenus usitata legitime que prescripta, et ad nullum alium iudice nobis inferiorem pro bonis infra nostram iurisdiccionem existentibus dinoscuntur notorie pertinere coram nobis exhibitam et presentibus annexam ac pro bonis memoratis probatum approbavimus et insinuavimus ac pro vero testamento pronunciavimus. Administracionem que omnium bonorum dictum

[1] *Sic.* [2] Richard Clifford, bishop of Worcester (1401–7).

defunctum et eius testamentum concernencium et infra iurisdiccionem nostram existencium ac ad nos de iure seu privilegio pertinere domino Johanni Hamond' capellano executore in dicto testamento nominato commisimus in forma iuris, potestate committendi aliis executoribus suis huiusmodi administracionem cum venerit et eam admittere voluerint, ac compoto administracionis huiusmodi in hac parte reddendo nobis specialiter reservatis. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Dat' apud Lydington' xiiij^{mo} die mensis Novembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} v^{to}, et nostre consecracionis anno primo.

1405. November 19th, Liddington. Letters dimissory to Thomas Breton of Eversholt (Everesholt), having the first tonsure, to all orders. [B.]

1405. November 21st, Liddington. Licences to William Irby, rector of Medbourne, to celebrate divine services in chapels, oratories and other suitable places in the diocese, to choose a confessor, and to give absolution to his parishioners in reserved cases. Each licence is for three years.

xxj^{mo} die Novembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto apud Lydington' concessa fuit licencia ad celebrandum divina in quibuscumque capellis oratoriis sive locis honestis magistro Willelmo Irby rectore ecclesie parochialis de Modborn' Lincoln' diocesis per triennium tantummodo duraturum.

Item eisdem die et anno concessa fuit licencia pro eodem Willelmo ad eligendum confessorem eciam in casibus reservatis per triennium.

[*Folio 13*]

Item eisdem die et anno supradictis concessa fuit licencia eidem Willelmo quod possit absolvere parochianos suos eciam in casibus reservatis per triennium.

Same date and place. Letters dimissory to John Middleton (Myddyllyngton'), acolyte, to all orders. [B.]

Same date and place. Licence to Henry Watford, canon of Canons Ashby Priory, to celebrate one anniversary yearly for three years, either in the priory or in the chapel of Adstone.

Item eisdem die loco et anno supradictis concessa fuit licencia fratri Henrico Watford' canonico prioratus de Assheby canonicorum quod possit celebrare unum annale pro defunctis tam in prioratu ipso quam in capella de Atteneston' per triennium apud Daventre.

Same date and place. Licence for an oratory to John Malory of Welton.

Item eisdem die et loco ac anno suprascriptis concessum fuit oratorium Johanni Malory de Welton' et Elizabethe eius uxori in manerio suo de Welton' predicta per triennium.

Same date and place. Licence to Thomas Knight (Knyght), rector of Hanslope (Hanslap'), for three years' non-residence. [H.]

1405. November 20th, Old Temple. Licence to John Ellington, rector of Therfield, for the private celebration of divine services.

Item xx^{mo} die mensis Novembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto apud Vetus Templum London' concessa fuit licencia domino Johanni Elyngton' rectori ecclesie parochialis de Thorfeld' ad celebrandum divina in rectoria sua predicta per triennium a data presencium.

1405. December 3rd, Brackley. Letters dimissory to John Arnesby (Ernesby) of Ipsden (Ippesdon'), having the first tonsure, to all orders. [B.]

1405. October 23rd, Liddington. Appointment of William Farringdon, rector of Beaconsfield, as penitentiary for the deanery of Burnham.

Littera penitenciaria rectori de Bekenesfeld'. Item xxiij^{o} die Octobris anno domini supradicto apud Lydington' magister Willelmus Faryngdon' rector ecclesie parochialis de Bekenesfeld' Lincoln' diocesis sacre pagine professor deputatus fuit domini penitenciarius pro decanatu de Burnham quam diu domino placuerit.

1405. November 30th, Northampton. Appointment of two assistants to William Burton, rector of Cranhoe.

Item ultimo die mensis Novembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto apud Northampton' coadiutores domini Willelmi Birton' rectoris de Cranhowe Lincoln' diocesis, videlicet domini Rogerus Burton' rector de Quenton' et Robertus Sturgeys alias Dobbe de Glooston' capellano prefato primitus per eosdem iurato in talibus requisito et consueto.

Same date and place. Licence to Thomas Helle (Hell'), rector of St. Michael's, Northampton, to celebrate one anniversary on account of the poverty of his benefice, the permission to last for three years.

Item eisdem die et loco ac anno suprascriptis concessa fuit licencia domino Thome Hell' rectori ecclesie parochialis sancti Michaelis

de Northampton' Lincoln' diocesis quod possit celebrare unum annale in dicta ecclesia sua per triennium propter exilitatem beneficii sui antedicti.

1405. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to Thomas Cottisford of Prescot, knight, and John Chetwode of Warkworth, knight (December 4th), and to William Brauncepath of Boughton (November 12th).

Item quarto die mensis Decembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto apud Chacombe concessa fuit licencia domino Thome Cotteford' de Prescote militi et Alicie sue uxori quod possint facere divina celebrari infra manerium suum de Prescote antedicta per triennium.

Item consimilis licencia eisdem die et loco et anno suprascriptis concessa fuit domino Johanni Chetewode de Werkeworth' militi et Amable uxori sue per triennium.

Item xij^{mo} die mensis Novembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto apud Vetus Templum London' concessum fuit oratorium Willelmo Brauncepath de Boughton' et Mariorie eius uxori infra mansum suum de Boughton' predicta quamdiu placuerit etc.

1405. November 19th, Old Temple. Licence to Roger Docwra (Dokwra), rector of Mareham (Marum), for three years' non-residence for study. [A.]

1405. November 20th, Old Temple. Letters dimissory to John Mapleton (Mapelton'), clerk, rector of Alvescot (Alvescote), to all orders. [B.]

Same date and place. Licence to John Easton (Eston'), rector of Kettering (Keteryng), for three years' non-residence for study. [A.]

Same date and place. Letters dimissory to John Freeman (Freman), rector of Pertonhall (Pertonhale), to all orders. [B.]

[1405.]. Letter from King Henry IV (dated November 6th) asking for the immediate collection of the half-tenth granted by the clergy. Despite an earlier letter, no payments have been received from Lincoln diocese.

Mandatum regis. Reverent piere en Dieu come nadgairs per nos autrez lettres de sous notre prive seal pur certeinz causes comprises en mesmes nos lettres eussiens escript a vous[1] et as autrez prelates de notre Roiaume pur auoir eux chevance dune somme amontante

[1] On September 9th, 1405, the bishop had received a letter from the king asking for a loan on the security of the subsidy previously granted in Convocation. Liber Sextus, I, f. 20^{v}.

a la moite de la disme par le clergie de mesme notre Roialme a nos grauntee paiable a la feste de Noel proschin venant et pur eut auoir eus paiement au certein iour passez solonc le forme et effect des lettres et mandemantz eut a nous adresses par le tresreverent piere en Dieu et notre trescher cosyn lerchevesque de Canterbirs pur certainz treschargeans busoignez touchantes la defense et sauvacion de notre Roiame avauntdit sicome mesmes nos lettres conteignent plus au plein et combien que partie dauciele paiement ad este fait per ascun des ditz prelates unquore nauons euz [*Folio 13v*] auscune paiement semblabe de vous pur votre diocese, dont consideretz les boisoignes sousditz nous nous mervailons grandement. Si vous prioms cherment que, considerantz les materez suisditz et le perel que purroit avenir a notre dite Roiame pur non paiement de la dite moitee, vous veulles mettere tiel diligence pur lexecucione des suisditz lettres ouec tout celerite possible que solonc leffect de mesmes les lettres prest paiement purra estre faite a notre tresorier dangleterre de taunt de moneie come la dite moite dune disme amonte deinz votre diocese avaunt la quinzisme de seint martyn proschin venant a plus tard. Et ceo ne veullez lesser sicome nous nous fioms de vous. Don' sous notre prive seal a Westm' le vj iour de Novembre.

1405. December 11th, Rothwell (Rothewell'). Licence to John Stafford (Stafford'), rector of Bucote,[1] for three years' non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause "Cum ex eo". [C.]

1405. December 9th, Kislingbury (Kyslyngbury). Licence to John Colle, rector of Buckby (Bukby), for three years' non-residence for study. [A.]

1399. October 13th, Old Temple. Licence to Thomas Wakelin of Trafford and his sister, Alice, for the private celebration of divine services.

Item xiij^{mo} die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo ccc^{mo} nonagesimo nono apud Vetus Templum London' concessa fuit licencia Thome Wakeleyn domicello et Alicie eiusdem Thome sorori que possint facere celebrari divina in capella sive oratorio infra manerium de Trafford' Lincoln' diocesis quam diu placuerit.

1405. April 27th, Oxford. Licence to Robert Derfield (Derfeld'), rector of Cheddington (Chedyngton'), for three years' non-residence for study. [A.]

1405. December 2nd. Licence to John Matthew of Astwell for the private celebration of divine services.

[1] Unidentified.

Secundo die mensis Decembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto apud Wappenham concessa fuit licencia Johanni Mathew de Astwell' et Mariorie eius uxori ac Margarete matri eiusdem quod possint facere celebrari divina in capella sive oratorio infra manerium suum de Astwell' Lincoln' diocesis per triennium.

Same date and place. Licence to Robert Derfield, deacon, rector of Charwelton (Charwellton'), for three years' non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause "Cum ex eo", [C.] "eoque non teneatur promoveri ad ulteriori ordines durante termino trium annorum."

1405. November 28th. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to Thomas Green, knight, of Norton Davy, and to Laurence Dyve, esquire.

Item xxviij^{mo} die mensis Novembris anno domini quo supra apud Northampton' concessa fuit licencia domino Thome Grene de Norton' Davy militi et Marie uxori sue ac Thome filio eorundem in quibuscumque capellis sive oratoriis infra maneria sua per totam diocesim.

Item eisdem die loco et anno suprascriptis concessa fuit consimilis licencia Laurencio Dyve armigero et Johanne eius uxori in quibuscumque capellis sive oratoriis infra diocesim Lincoln' per triennium.

1405. November 11th, Old Temple. Licence to the abbess and sisters of the order of Minoresses without Aldgate, London (minorissarum ordinis sancte Clare extra Algate), to put to farm the appropriated church of Potton (Potton'), for two years.[1] [G.]

1405. November 20th. Licence to Robert Wickham, vicar of Ambrosden, to preach in the diocese.

Item xx^{mo} die mensis predicti anno domini quo supra concessa fuit licencia domino Roberto Wykham vicario perpetuo ecclesie parochialis de Ambeysdon' ad predicandum divinum verbum ubicumque per diocesim.

1405. November 22nd, Higham Ferrers (Hygham Ferrers). Licence to the prior and convent of Dunstable (Dunstaple) to put to farm the churches and portions of churches appropriated to them, for seven years. [G.]

1405. December 6th, Chacombe. Licence to Laurence Walter, rector of Barford (Beresford'), for two years' non-residence. [H.]

[1] See f. 204.

Same date and place. Commission to the prior of Chacombe, and in his absence to the sub-prior, to act as penitentiary for the deanery of Brackley and the prebends of Banbury and Cropredy.

Littera penitenciaria pro priore de Chacombe. Eosdem die et loco ac anno domini suprascriptis concessa fuit littera penitenciaria fratri Edmundo priori de Chacombe et in ipsius absencia cum sibi non vacaverit fratri Willelmo Chacombe suppriori pro decanatu de Brakkele ac prebende de Bannebury et Cropry quam diu domino placuerit.

1405. December 21st, Peterborough. Licence to John Thoresway (Thoreswey), rector of Belleau (Hellowe), deacon, for three years' non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause "Cum ex eo". [C.]

1405. December 20th, Peterborough. Licence to the abbot and convent of Sulby [*Folio 14*] to put to farm the church of East Haddon (Esthaddon'), for five years. [G.]

Same date and place. Licence to Robert Kibworth (Kybworth'), rector of Water Newton (Waterneweton'), for one year's non-residence for study. [A.]

1405. December 19th, Peterborough. Dispensation by direction of the papal penitentiary to John Seman, scholar, to proceed to all orders and to hold a benefice with cure, notwithstanding his illegitimacy.

Dispensacio johannis Seman. Item xix^{mo} die mensis supradicti anno domini quo supra apud Burgum sancti Petri reverendus in Christo pater et dominus dominus Philippus dei gracia Lincoln' episcopus auctoritate litterarum reverendi patris domini Francisci miseracione divina tituli sancte Susanne presbiteri cardinalis eidem reverendo episcopo directarum cum Johanne Seman Lincoln' diocesis scolare de presbitero genito et soluta misericorditer dispensavit et que dicto defectu non obstante possit ad omnes ordines promoveri et beneficium ecclesiasticum obtinere eciam si curam habet animarum et inde habuit litteras testimoniales sub sigillo domini.

1405. August 20th, Peterborough. Licence to William Winwick (Wynwyk), rector of Beeby (Beby), deacon, for three years' non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause "Cum ex eo". [C.]

1405. August 22nd, Liddington. Licence to Walter Bullock (Bullok'), rector of Witherley (Wytherley) and Denford, for three

years' non-residence, while in the service of John, bishop of Coventry and Lichfield.[1]

1405/6. Licences for the private celebration of divine services in chapels or oratories to John Pleasington of Burley and Roger and John Sergeant of Louth (January 3rd), and to Roger Giffard, lord of Twyford (December 27th).

Item tercio die Januarii anno domini quo supra apud Lydington' concessa fuit licencia domino Johanni Plesyngton' quod possit facere celebrari divina in capella sive oratorio infra mansum suum de Burle Lincoln' diocesis per triennium.

Item eisdem die et loco ac anno domini suprascriptis concessa fuit consimilis licencia Rogero Sergeant de Luda et Johanne eius uxori ac Johanni Sergeant et Custancie[2] eius uxori pro se et hospicibus suis per triennium.

Item xxvij^{mo} die mensis Decembris anno domini supradicto concessa fuit licencia Rogero Gyffard' domino de Twyford' et Isabelle eius uxori ad faciendum celebrari divina in capelli sive oratorio infra manerium suum de Twyford' predicta per triennium.

1405. October 23rd, Liddington. Licence to Philip Curteys, vicar of Holbeach, to give absolution to his parishioners in reserved cases, during the bishop's pleasure, and to his parochial chaplains to give absolution during Lent each year.

Littera penitenciaria pro vicario de Holbech'. Item xxiij^{mo} die Octobris anno domini quo supra apud Lydington' concessa fuit licencia non-residendi magistro Philippi Curteys vicario de Holbech' Lincoln' diocesis quod possit absolvere parochianos suos in casibus episcopo reservatis quam diu domino placuerit et capellanis suis eiusdem parochie durante termino quadragesimali singulis annis usque ad octavem Pasche.

Same date and place. Licence for the private celebration of divine services to Philip Branche, knight.

Item eisdem die loco et anno suprascriptis concessa fuit licencia domino Philippo Braunche militi quod possit facere celebrari divina in quibuscumque maneriis infra diocesim Lincoln' per triennium.

Same date and place. Letters dimissory to John Carton, to all orders. [B.]

Same date and place. Licence to the vicar of Holbeach to celebrate divine services in the chapel at Holbeach.

[1] John Burghill, bishop of Coventry and Lichfield (1398–1414). Walter Bullock was chancellor of Lichfield diocese in 1400, and also vicar-general. Le Neve, I, p. 584.

[2] *Sic.*

Item eisdem die loco et anno supradictis concessa fuit licencia eidem vicario de Holbech' quod possit divina celebrare et facere celebrari in capella de Holbech' quam diu domino placuerit.

1405/6. Licences for the celebration of divine services in private chapels or oratories to Simon Saresson of Holbeach (January 4th), Robert Scot, esquire, and Cecilia, widow of John Rede of Checkendon (January 7th).

Item iiij^{to} die Januarii anno et loco predictis concessa fuit licencia Simoni Sareson' de Holbech' et eius uxori ad faciendum celebrari divina in quocumque loco honesto infra mansum de Holbech' predicta per triennium.

Item septimo die Januarii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto apud Lydington' concessa fuit licencia Roberto Scot armigero quod facere possint divina celebrari in quibuscumque capellis sive oratoriis in maneriis suis infra diocesim Lincoln' ubilibet situatis in presencia sua et familie sue per triennium.

Item eisdem die loco et anno predictis concessa fuit consimilis licencia Cecilie relicte Johannis Rede et Edmundo filio eiusdem de Chakenden' quod possit facere divina celebrari in capella sive oratorio in manerio suo de Chakenden' predicta situata pro se et familia sua per triennium.

1405/6. January 8th, Liddington. Licence to Richard Clerk of Lutterworth to receive the fruits of Cottesbach church, for three years.

Item viij^{to} die mensis Januarii anno domini quo supra apud Lydington' concessa fuit licencia Ricardo Clerk de Lutterworth' quod possit recipere fructus et obvenciones ecclesie de Cotesbech' ad firmam Lincoln' diocesis a domino Petro rectore eiusdem per triennium.

1405/6. January 4th, Liddington. Letters dimissory to William Basil (Basell') of Somercotes, deacon, to priest's orders. [B.]

Same date and place. Licence to William Spicer, rector of St. Aldate's, Oxford, to hear the confessions of his parishioners.

Spycer' confessor. Item eisdem die loco ac anno suprascriptis concessa fuit licencia magistro Willelmo Spycere rectori ecclesie sancti Aldati ad audiendum confessiones parochianorum suorum in villa Oxon'.

1405/6. January 27th, Liddington. Appointment of John Brigsford, Franciscan friar, as penitentiary in the archdeaconry of Bedford.

Brygesford' penitenciarius. Item xxvij^{mo} die mensis predicti anno domini quo supra apud Lydington' frater Johannes Brygesford' ordinis fratrum minorum constitutus fuerat penitenciarius in archidiaconatu Bedeford' per reverendum patrem Lincoln' episcopum quam diu domino placuerit.

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1405/6. January 12th. Licence to John Paynell of Boothby for the private celebration of divine services.

Item xij^{mo} die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto apud Lydington' concessa fuit licencia domino Johanni Paynell' de Botheby Lincoln' diocesis et Elizabethe eius uxori quod possint facere divina celebrari infra mansum suum de Botheby predicta per triennium.

Same date and place. Licence to William Porter, vicar of All Saints, Hungate, to celebrate one anniversary on account of the poverty of his benefice, the permission to last for three years.

Item eisdem die et loco concessa fuit licencia domino Willelmo Porter vicario ecclesie parochialis Omnium Sanctorum in Hungate Lincoln' diocesis quod possit celebrare unum annale in dicta ecclesia sua propter exilitatem beneficii sui per triennium.

Same date and place. Licence to Richard Horne, rector of Ruckland (Rokeland'), for three years' non-residence for study. [A.]

1405. Testament of Baldwin Beresford, knight. Dated December 4th. Proved before Bishop Repingdon at Northampton on January 14th, 1405/6.

Testamentum Beresford'.[1] In dei nomine amen. Ego Baldewynus Beresford' miles compos mentis et in sana memoria quarto die Decembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo beate Marie virgini et omnibus sanctis eius et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia prioratus de Chacumb'. Item lego fabrice ecclesie dicti prioratus xiij s. iiijd. Item lego fabrice ecclesie de Bryghwelle iij s. iiij d. Item lego fabrice ecclesie de Stene iij s. iiijd. Item lego fabrice ecclesie de Wysshawe iij s. iiij d. Item lego fabrice ecclesie de Warpesgrove iij s. iiij d. Item lego quatuor ordinibus fratrum pro divinis missis celebrandis pro anima mea xiij s. iiij d. Item lego ad distribuendum pauperibus die sepulture mee xiij s. iiij d. Item lego fabrice ecclesie de Wyttefelde iij s. iiij d. Et ad omnia ista supradicta bene et fideliter facienda et implenda ordino constituo fideles executores meos Johannem Morehall' et Ricardum Congewell'.

[1] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 112.

In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum huic testamento apposui. Videlicet cuilibet ordini iij s. iiij d. Item lego canonicis prioratus de Chetwode pro divinis missis celebrandis pro anima iij s. iiij d.

Approbacio testamenti. Quartodecimo die Januarii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto apud Northampton' coram reverendo in Christo patre et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo exhibitum fuit testamentum supradictum et probatum per ipsum reverendum patrem legitime approbatum et insinuatum ac pro vero testimonio et legitime condito pronunciatum. Commissaque fuit administracio omnium bonorum dictum defunctum et eius testamentum concernencium Johanni Morehalle et Ricardo Congewell' executores in eodem testamento nominatis in forma iuris iuratis eorum ad hoc accedente consensu ac administracione huiusmodi per eos sponte acceptata.

1405/6. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to John Trussell and Thomas Payntour of Northampton (January 16th), Walter Cranford of Doddershall and Henry Cripps of Aston Rowant (January 19th), Thomas Gold of Eton (January 25th), Lady Margaret Trumpington of Blunham and John Brookman (January 26th).

Item xvj^{mo} die Januarii anno domini quo supra apud Northampton' concessa fuit licencia Johanni Trussell' et Margarete eius uxori ad faciendum divina celebrari in quibuscumque maneriis sive mansis infra diocesim Lincoln' situatis per triennium duraturum.

Item eisdem die loco et anno supradictis concessa fuit licencia consimilis Thome Payntour de Northampton' quod possit divina facere celebrari infra mansum suum de Northampton' predicta per triennium.

Item xix^{mo} die mensis Januarii anno et loco predictis apud Nottele concessa fuit licencia Waltero Cranford' quod possit divina facere celebrari in capella sive oratorio infra manerium suum in parochia de Dodishall' Lincoln' diocesis per triennium.

Item xix^{mo} die mensis predicti anno domini quo supra apud Nottele concessa fuit licencia Henrico Crippis de parochia de Aston' Ruawd' Lincoln' diocesis quod possit divina facere celebrari in quibuscumque capellis sive oratoriis infra maneria sive mansa ubicumque per diocesim per triennium.

Item xxv^{to} die mensis Januarii anno quo supra apud Bedeford' concessa fuit licencia Thome Gold' de parochia de Eton' Lincoln' diocesis liberis et famuliaribus suis infra diocesim in quibuscumque maneriis sive mansis per triennium.

Item xxvj^{to} die mensis Januarii anno supradicto eodem loco concessa fuit licencia domine Margarete Trumpyngton' uxori domini Rogeri Trumpyngton' ad faciendum celebrari divina infra mansum suum de Blounham Lincoln' diocesis per triennium.

Eisdem die et loco et anno suprascriptis concessa fuit consimilis licencia Johanni Brokeman domicello et eius uxori liberis eorumque possint facere divina celebrari in quibuscumque maneriis sive mansis infra diocesim per triennium.

1405/6. January 19th, Notley. Appointment of Walter Haydon as penitentiary in the deanery of Cuddesdon.

Item xix^{mo} die Januarii anno domini quo supra apud Nottle magister Walterus Hydon' constitutus fuit penitenciarius per decanatum de Codesdon'.

1405/6. January 20th. Licences for the celebration of divine services in private chapels or oratories to Thomas Stevens of Standlake and Thomas Atmore of Northmore by Standlake.

Item xx^{mo} die Januarii anno et loco predictis concessa fuit licencia Thome Stevens de Stanlak' Lincoln' diocesis et eius uxori ad faciendum divina celebrari infra mansum suum de Stanlak' predicta per triennium.

Item eisdem die loco et anno suprascriptis concessa fuit licencia consimilis Thome Attemore de la More iuxta Stanlake et Margerie eius uxori quod possit divina facere celebrari infra mansum suum per triennium.

Same date and place. Appointment of John Offham, rector of Lidlington, to hear confessions in the deanery of Fleet.

Item eisdem die et loco ac anno supradictis apud Nottele concessa fuit littera penitenciaria domino Johanni Offeham [*Folio 15*] rectori de Lutlyngton' ad audiendum confessiones per totum diaconatum[1] de Flyete quam diu domino placuerit.

Same date and place. Licence to the prior of Newnham to celebrate divine services in private chapels or oratories.

Item eodem die loco et anno supradictis concessa fuit licencia priori de Newenham ad celebrandum et facere celebrari divina in capellis sive oratoriis infra queque maneria sua infra diocesim Lincoln' per triennium.

1405/6. January 28th, Caldwell. Appointment of William Well, vicar of Stowe by Buckingham, as penitentiary for the deanery of Buckingham, during the bishop's pleasure.

Stowe iuxta Buckyngham penitenciarius. Item xxviij^{mo} die mensis Januarii anno domini ut supra apud Caldewell' concessa

[1] *Sic, recte* decanatum.

fuit littera penitenciaria Willelmo Well' vicario de Stowe iuxta Buckyngham pro decanatu Buckyngham quam diu placuerit.

Same date and place. Licence for the private celebration of divine services to Richard Launcelyn of Cople.

Item predictis die loco et anno concessa fuit licencia Ricardo Launceleyn' in parochia de Couple Lincoln' diocesis et Agneti uxori eiusdem et liberis suis in omnibus maneriis suis que possint celebrare divina ubicumque per diocesim.

1405/6. January 29th, Elstow. Licence to John Poole, rector of Barford (Berkeford'), for three years' non-residence for study. [A.]

Same date and place. Licence for the private celebration of divine services to Christina Iemys of Checkendon (?).

Item eisdem die loco et anno suprascriptis concessa fuit licencia Cristiane Iemys et Agneti matre eiusdem et Johanni Buteler' ac Johanne uxori eiusdem quod possint facere divina celebrari infra mansum suum de Chacumden' per triennium.

1405/6. February 3rd, Dunstable. Licence to John Lammas (Lammasse), rector of Higham Gobion (Hygham Gobyon), to put his church to farm.[1] [D.] "Scripta que fuit sequestratori Bedeford' quod non molestet eum per triennium pro non residencia."

1405/6. February 19th, Notley. Licence for an oratory to William Berningham of Dorton.

Item xix^{mo} die mensis predicti anno supradicto apud Nottele concessa fuit licencia Willelmo Bernyngham et Johanne eius uxori que possint facere divina celebrari in capella sive oratorio infra mansum de Dorton' per triennium continue duraturum.

Same date and place. Appointment of John Stevens, vicar of North Marston, as penitentiary in the deanery of Waddesdon, for three years.

NORTHMERSTON' PENITENCIARIUS. Item eisdem die loco et anno predictis dominus Johannes Stevens vicarius ecclesie parochialis de Northmerston' fuit deputatus penitenciarius in decanatu de Wodesdon' per triennium.

Same date and place. Appointment of John, rector of Cublington, as penitentiary for the deanery of Mursley.

[1] *Infra*, p. 145.

Coblyngton' penitenciarius. Item eisdem die loco ac anno suprascriptis dominus Johannes rector de Coblyngton' fuit deputatus penitenciarius in decanatu de Muresley per triennium.

Same date and place. Licence for non-residence to John Wynkeptrye, rector of Bluntisham (Blontesham). [H.]

1406. March 30th, Old Temple. Licence to John Fender (Fendour), rector of Newton le Wold (Wolde Neuton'), for three years' non-residence while in the service of the bishop of Ely.[1] [E.]

Copy of the Bull of Urban V, dated November 8th, 1367, permitting the chancellor of the University of Oxford to dispense with confirmation of his election in person by the bishop of Lincoln, owing to the great inconvenience caused by his prolonged absence from the University for such a purpose, and the difficulties and expenses of travel.

Privilegium apostolicum pro officio cancellarii Oxon'.[2] Urbanus episcopus servus servorum dei dilectis filiis universis doctoribus magistris et scolaribus studii Oxon' Lincoln' diocesis salutem et apostolicam benediccionem. Indesinentis cure velut tocius dominici gregis pastor sollicitudine premimur et assidue modietatis excitamur instancia ut studia litterarum et studentes ibidem prospere et salubriter dirigantur et a gravaminibus releventur et ad id quantum cum deo possumus partes nostre sollicitudinis adhibemus. Sane nuper ad nostrum pervenit auditum quod secundum statuta et consuetudines vestri studii Oxon' Lincoln' diocesis cancellarius universitatis eiusdem studii qui ipsius universitatis capud et rector fore dinoscitur per doctores et magistros in eadem universitate regentes quolibet biennio eligi et assumi debet quod que episcopus Lincoln' diocesis pro tempore existens huiusmodi eleccionis confirmacionem ex quadam consuetudine sibi nititur vendicare quod que doctores et magistri qui ad ipsum episcopum pro confirmacione eleccionis huiusmodi obtinenda transmittuntur quique magnis fatigant laboris et expensis et ad remotas partes quandoque insequitur eandem propter quod vobis dampna detrimenta gravia inferuntur ac propter iurisdiccionis suspencionem pravi impune peccant et tota vestra universitas fluctuat rectore et capite destituta. Quare pro parte vestra nobis fuit humiliter supplicatum ut providere super premissis et de benignitate apostolica dignaremur. Nos itaque huiusmodi supplicacionis inclinati ex eo ipso que aliis in cancellarium dicte universitatis per dictos doctores et magistros regentes legitime erit electus conseatus confirmatus et alia

[1] John Fordham, bishop of Ely (1388–1425).

[2] Printed in *Munimenta Academica*, ed. Anstey, H. (R.S.), I, pp. 228–30 and summarized in *Cal. Pap. Lett.*, IV, p. 66. Cf. *Snappe's Formulary*, p. 45.

A marginal hand with pointing index finger draws attention to this entry.

confirmacione non egeat, vobis tenore presencium de gracia concedimus speciali. Nulli ergo omnino hominum etc.[1]

1405/6. March 16th. Old Temple. Licence to John Dawverers, rector of Hanwell, for three years' non-residence for study. [A.]

1405/6. March 12th. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to Skipwith, and John Bedford.

Item xij^{mo} die mensis Marcii anno domini quo supra in eodem loco concessa fuit licencia Skypwyth' pro se et familia sua ubicumque per diocesim in maneriis suis per triennium duraturum.

Item eisdem die et loco et anno suprascriptis concessa fuit licencia Johanni Bedeford' et Margarete eius uxori in capellis sive oratoriis infra mansum quo habitant per triennium tantummodo duraturum.

[*Folio 15*^{v}]

1405/6. March 16th, Old Temple. Appointment of John Halliwell, rector of All Saints, Theddlethorpe, as penitentiary, during the bishop's pleasure.

HALYWELL' PENITENCIARIUS. Item xvj^{mo} die mensis Marcii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto apud Vetus Templum London' concessa fuit licencia penitenciaria Johanni Halywelle rectori ecclesie parochialis Omnium Sanctorum de Thetylthorp' quam diu domino placuerit.

Same date and place. Licence for the private celebration of divine services to John Parke.

Item eisdem die et loco ac anno suprascriptis concessa fuit licencia Johanni Parke quod possit facere divina celebrari infra mansum suum per triennium.

1405/6. March 16th, Old Temple. Letters dimissory to John, son of John Alan of Theddlethorpe (Thetelthorp'), to all orders. [B.]

Same date and place. Letters dimissory to John Bennett (Benyt) to all orders, and to Thomas Nash (Nassh'), deacon, to priest's orders. [B.]

1405/6. March 20th, Old Temple. Letters dimissory to John Claydon (Claydon'), rector of Croxby, acolyte, to all orders.[2] [B.]

Same date and place. Appointment of John Forest, rector of Wheathampstead, as penitentiary, during the bishop's pleasure.

[1] *Sic.* [2] *Supra*, p. 3.

Item eisdem die et loco ac anno pretactis concessa fuit licencia domino Johanni Foreste rectori ecclesie parochialis de Wethamstede ac presbitero parochie eiusdem ad audiendum confessiones vice et auctoritate penitenciaria quam diu placuerit.

1405/6. Licences for the celebration of divine services in private chapels or oratories to Richard Wyot (March 23rd), John Daubriggecourt, knight (March 25th) and Henry Longdon of Sutton (January 31st).

Item xxiij° die mensis Marcii anno domini ut supra concessa fuit licencia Ricardo Wyot et Alicie eius uxori ad faciendum divina celebrari in capellis sive oratoriis infra mansum suum per triennium duraturum.

Item xxv^mo^ die mensis Marcii anno et loco suprascriptis concessa fuit licencia Johanni Daprescourt[1] militi et familie in eius presencia ad faciendum divina celebrari in quibuscum capellis sive oratoriis infra maneria sua ubicumque per diocesim per septennium duraturum.

Item ultimo die Januarii anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ quinto apud Wardon' concessa fuit licencia Henrico Longdon' de Sutton' et Elizabethe uxori eiusdem et Isabelle matri eius ad faciendum divina celebrari in capellis sive oratoriis infra manerium suum de Sutton' Lincoln' diocesis per triennium.

1405/6. January 31st, Warden. Letters dimissory to John Fuller (Fuller') of Shillington (Shitlyngdon'), having the first tonsure, to all orders. [B.]

1405/6. February 4th, Dunstable. Licence to the inhabitants of Houghton Conquest to celebrate divine services in the chapel of St. James at Chapel End, in the parish of Houghton, on the eve and festival of St. James, during the bishop's pleasure.

Parochianis de Houghton' orat'. Item quarto die Februarii anno domini quo supra apud Dunstaple concessa fuit licencia inhabitantibus et incolis ville de Hoghton' conquest Lincoln' diocesis quod possint facere divina celebrari in capella sancti Jacobi en ly Chapelond' de parochia de Houghton' in festo sancti Jacobi et in vigilia eiusdem eciam cum nota quam diu domino placuerit.

1405/6. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to Isabel Bulscrote of Flitwick (February 4th), and to Thomas Hampton of Oxford (April 9th), during the period of his convalescence.

Et eisdem die loco et anno domini supradictis concessa fuit licencia Isabelle Bulscrote quod possit divina facere celebrari in capella

[1] See *infra*, f. 140^v^.

sive oratorio infra manerium suum de Prestley infra parochia de Flytwyk Lincoln' diocesis situata per triennium duraturum.

Nono die mensis Aprilis anno domini millesimo sexto apud Lydington' concessa fuit licencia Thome Hampton' de Oxon' quod possit facere divina celebrari in quocumque loco decenti et honesto infra mansum suum in parochia sancti Martini quousque de infirmitate convalescet.

1406. April 4th, Liddington. Licence to Robert Duccamour, rector of Walgrave (Waldegrave), for two years' non-residence for study. [A.].

1406. April 21st, Liddington. Letters dimissory to Simon Thomson (Tomson'), acolyte, of Holbeach (Holbech), to all orders. [B.]

QUINTO DIE MENSIS FEBRUARII ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO CCCC^{mo} QUINTO INCIPIUNT MEMORANDA EXPEDITA PER VENERABILEM VIRUM MAGISTRUM JOHANNEM HAUBERK DECRETORUM DOCTOREM CANONICUM ECCLESIE LINCOLNIENSIS REVERENDI IN CHRISTO PATRIS ET DOMINI DOMINI PHILIPPI DEI GRACIA LINCOLNIENSIS EPISCOPI EXTRA SUAS CIVITATEM ET DIOCESIM IN REMOTIS AGENTIS VICARIUM IN SPIRITUALIBUS GENERALEM.

[*Folio 16*]

1405/6. March 5th, Northampton. Licence granted by John Hauberk, vicar-general, to Walter Fowler, rector of Long Whatton, who has the first tonsure, for seven years' non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause "Cum ex eo".

FOULER' NON RESIDENCIA. Memorandum quod quinto die mensis Marcii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto apud Northampton' concessa fuit licencia Waltero Foulere rectore ecclesie parochialis de Longe Watton' primam tonsuram habenti litterarum studio insistendo et dispensatum fuit per septennium iuxta capitulum "Cum ex eo" per venerabilem virum magistrum Johannem Hauberk decretorum doctorem canonicum ecclesie Lincoln' reverendi in Christo patris et domini domini Philippi dei gracia Lincoln' episcopi extra suas civitatem et diocesim in remotis agentis vicarium in spiritualibus generalem.

1405/6. Testament of John Fotheringhay. Dated February 11th. Proved before John Hauberk on August 7th [?1406], at Northampton.

Testamentum Johannis Fodrynghey.[1] In dei nomine amen. Die jovis proximo ante festum sancti Valentini anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ quinto, ego Johannes Fodringeye sciens et cogitans quod nichil morte certius nec incertius horam mortis condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo beate Marie matri eius ac omnibus sanctis ac corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia Sancte Crucis in abathia beate Marie de pratis iuxta Northampton' iuxta matrem meam. Item lego pro principali meo quod iustum fuerit. Item volo et ordino quod omnia terra et tenementa cum pertinenciis in quibus alii et ego coniunctim sumus feoffati in Northampton' et suburbiis eiusdem vendantur et pecunia inde recepta pro anima mea per executores meos disponatur. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum postquam debita mea fuerint persoluta do et lego executoribus meis ad disponendum pro salute anime mee et beneficiorum[2] meorum prout eis videbitur expedire. Et Willelmum Symmes civem et mercatorem London' Willelmum Pycard' civem et mercatorem London' Willelmum Huwet personam ecclesie de Newenton' et Rogerum Bythern' de Wymyngton' ordino facio et constituo executores meos.

Approbacio testamenti. Tenore presencium noverint universi quod nos Johannes Hauberk decretorum doctor canonicus ecclesie cathedralis Lincoln' reverendi in Christo patris et domini domini Philippi dei gracia Lincoln' episcopi extra suas civitatem et diocesim in remotis agentis vicarius in spiritualibus generalis testamentum nobilis viri Johannis Fodryngeye nuper defuncti nonnulla bona mobilia et immobilia in diversis diocesibus tempore mortis sue notorie obtinentis cuius pretextu ipsius testamenti probacio approbacio et insinuacio ac pro ipsius vero valore pronunciacio administracionis quod bonorum dicti defuncti infra nostram iurisdiccionem existentem commissio compoti sive calculi administracionis huiusmodi reddicio audicio et finalis liberacio ab eadem ad nos de iure et nomine ecclesie nostre Lincoln' ac de consuetudine laudabili hactenus usitata legitime quod prescripta, et ad nullum alium iudicem nobis inferiorem pro bonis infra nostram iurisdiccionem existens dinoscuntur notorie pertinere, coram nobis exhibitam et presentibus annexam ac pro bonis memoratis probatum approbamus et insinuavimus ac pro vero testamento pronunciavimus administracionem quod omnium bonorum dictum defunctum et eius testamentum concernencium et infra iurisdiccionem nostram existens ad nos de iure seu privilegio pertinente Willelmo Huet rectori de Newenton' et Rogero Bithern' de Wymyngton' executoribus in dicto testamento nominato commisimus in forma iuris, potestate committendi aliis coexecutoribus suis huiusmodi administracionem cum venerint et eam admittere voluerint ac compoto

[1] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 120, where the date of the will and of probate are given as 1405. See *infra*, p. 71, note 1.
[2] *Sic.*

administracionis huiusmodi in hac parte reddendo nobis specialiter reservatis. In cuius rei testimonium etc. Dat' apud Northampton' vij^{mo} die mensis Augusti anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto.[1]

1405/6. March 23rd, Stamford. Licence to William Lavenham, Dominican friar of Stamford, to grant absolution to twenty persons chosen by him within the diocese, during the bishop's pleasure.

Lavenham confessor. Item xxiij^{mo} die mensis Marcii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto apud Stamford' concessa fuit licencia fratri Willelmo Lavenham ordinis predicatorum conventus Stamford' ad absolvendum viginti personas per ipsum infra diocesim eligendas quam diu domino placuerit.

1405/6. March 29th. Licence to the prior of Bushmead to grant absolution to his household and to others staying in the priory, for three years.

Busshemade confessor. Item xxix^{mo} die mensis predicti concessa fuit consimilis licencia fratri Willelmo Lytlyngton' priori de Busshemade quod ipse omnes familiaros suos et alios manentes infra prioratum predictum possit absolvere per triennium.

Same date and place. Licence to William Kewold, vicar of Eton, to grant absolution in reserved cases to his parishioners, for three years.

Item eisdem die et loco et anno supradictis concessa fuit consimilis licencia domino Willelmo Kewold' vicario de Eton' quod ipse omnes parochianos suos absolvere possit eciam in casibus reservatis per triennium duraturum.

Quarto kalendas Aprilis anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} sexto Incipiunt Memoranda expedita per venerabilem in Christo patrem et dominum dominum Philippum dei gracia Lincolniensis Episcopum anno consecracionis sue secundo.

[*Folio 16^{v}*]

1406. May 17th. Licence to Richard Livinger of Medmenham for the private celebration of divine services.

Item xvij^{mo} die mensis Maii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} sexto concessa fuit licencia Ricardo Lyvinger[2] et Alicie eius uxori ad faciendum missas et alia divina officia celebrari infra mansum suum de Medmenham quam diu domino placuerit.

[1] There is no other evidence that John Hauberk was acting as vicar-general in August, 1405. It seems likely that the date of probate should be 1406.
[2] "Luynger" in marginal note.

1406. July 5th, Ramsey. Permission to the inhabitants of Peterborough to celebrate divine services in the newly built parish church.

Burg' sancti Petri orat'. Item quinto die mensis Julii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} sexto apud Ramesey concessa fuit licencia habitatoribus et incolis ville de Burgo sancti Petri Lincoln' diocesis quod possunt divina facere celebrari et sacramenta et sacramentalia ministrari in ecclesia sua parochiali noviter constructa per triennium dumtamen faciant ipsam consecrari si cicius finita fuerit.

1406. July 1st. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to Walter de Bourne, Thomas Oudeby of Stevenage, Ralph Locke of Thurlby and Robert Thame, esquire, of Greatford.

Item primo die Julii anno domini prescripto apud Brunne concessa fuit licencia Waltero de Brunne domicello et Alicie eius uxori quod possint divina facere celebrari in quibuscumque capellis sive oratoriis infra diocesim quam diu domino placuerit.

Eisdem die loco et anno suprascriptis concessa fuit consimilis licencia Thome Oudeby de Stevenach' Lincoln' diocesis et Johanne eius uxori quod possit facere divina celebrari in capella sive oratorio infra mansum suum predictum per triennium.

Eisdem die loco et anno suprascriptis concessa fuit licencia Radulpho Loke de Thurleby Lincoln' diocesis et Alicie uxori eiusdem quod possint divina facere celebrari infra mansum suum predictum per triennium.

Item eisdem die loco ac anno suprascriptis concessa fuit consimilis licencia Roberto Thame de Gretford' armigero et Matildi uxori eius eorumque liberis in capella sua sive oratorio infra mansum suum predictum per triennium.

1406. July 14th, Flamstead. Licence to Henry Wendover, Dominican friar, to hear confessions in the diocese in accordance with the constitution "Super Cathedram".

Licencia predicandi[1] pro Wendover'. Item xiiij die Julii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} sexto apud Flamstede concessa fuit licencia fratri Henrico Wendovere ordinis predicatorum quod possit audire confessiones per diocesim iuxta tenorem constitucionis domini Bonifacii pape eciam quondam "Super Cathedram" residente quam diu placuerit.

1406. July 8th. Licence to Robert Roxton of Holywell for the private celebration of divine services.

Item octavo die Julii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} sexto apud Elyngton' concessa fuit licencia Roberto Rokesden' de Halywelle

[1] *Sic.*

et Emme Rokesden' matri eiusdem quod possint divina facere celebrari infra hospicium suum de Halywelle predicta per triennium.

1406. July 5th, Ramsey. Licence to William Thirsk of Ramsey to choose his own confessor.

THIRSK' CONFESSOR. Item quinto die mensis Julii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} sexto apud Ramesey concessa fuit licencia Willelmo Thirsk' de Ramesey predicta quod possit eligere ei confessorem eciam in casibus reservatis per triennium.

1406. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to Richard White (July 9th), John Thornbury of Little Munden and Naverina Thornbury of Bygrave (July 12th).

Item ix^{mo} die mensis predicti anno domini quo supra concessa fuit licencia Ricardo Wyte et Alicie eius uxori apud sanctum Neotum quod possint facere celebrari divina in locis honestis ubicumque per diocesim per triennium.

Item xij^{mo} die Julii anno domini quo supra apud Stevenache concessa fuit licencia Johanni Thornebury de parva Mundene Lincoln' diocesis et Margarete eius uxori quod possint facere divina celebrari in capella sive oratorio infra mansum suum predictum per triennium.

Item eisdem die et loco concessa fuit consimilis licencia Naverine Thornebury de Bygrave Lincoln' diocesis quod possit facere celebrari divina infra mansum suum per triennium.

1406. July 10th, Baldock. Licence to John Quenington (Kuenyngton'), rector of Ufford, to farm his church for one year, [D.] "et super hoc habet litteram tollerancie per idem tempus".

1406. July 20th, Old Temple. Licence to Edmund Beckingham (Bekyngham), rector of Henley-on-Thames (Henle super Tamisiam), for five years' non-residence for study. [A.]

1406. August 4th, Sleaford. Dispensation by authority of the papal penitentiary to John Greatham, clerk, that he may proceed to all orders and hold a benefice with cure, notwithstanding his illegitimacy.

GRETHAM DISPENSACIO. Item quarto die mensis Augusti anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} sexto apud Sleford' reverendus in Christo pater et dominus dominus Philippus dei gracia Lincoln' episcopus cum Johanne Gretham Lincoln' diocesis clerico virtute litterarum reverendi in Christo patris et domini domini Antonii miseracione divina tituli sancte Praxedis presbiteri cardinalis sibi directarum misericorditer dispensavit quod ipse non obstante defectu quem

patitur de soluto genitus et soluta possit ad omnes ordines promoveri et beneficium ecclesiasticum obtinere eciam si curam habeat animarum etc. et inde habet litteras testimoniales sub sigillo episcopi Lincoln' predictis litteris annexis.

Same date and place. Similar dispensation to John Bonner, clerk.

Bonnere dispensacio. Item eisdem die loco et anno supradictis idem reverendus in Christo pater Philippus episcopus Lincoln' auctoritate litterarum reverendi patris domini Antonii cardinalis supradicti sibi directarum cum Johanne Bonere de Lincoln' diocesis clerico misericorditer dispensavit defectu non obstante quem patitur de coniugato genitus et coniugata possit ad omnes ordines promoveri et beneficium ecclesiasticum obtinere eciam si curam habeat animarum. Inde habuit litteras testimoniales sub sigillo episcopi Lincoln' predictis litteris annexis.

1406. August 4th. Licence for the private celebration of divine services to Lady Alice Bassett of Bytham, for five years.

Item iiij^{to} die mensis Augusti anno domini quod supra concessa fuit licencia Alicie Basset domine Bytham ubicumque per diocesim quod possit divina facebrari[1] in quibuscumque locis honestis per quinquennium duraturum.

[*Folio 17*]

1405. Testament of William Vaux of Stevington. Dated August 14th. Proved before Bishop Repingdon at Stow Park on September 1st.

Testamentum Vaus.[2] In dei nomine amen. Ego Willelmus Vaus languens in extremis et compos mentis mee in vigilia Assumpcionis beate Marie anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo et beate Marie et corpus meum ad sepeliendum ubicumque deus disposuerit. Item lego prioratui de Harewold' viginti marcas. Item cuilibet moniali eiusdem prioratus xl d. Item lego Johanni Prudde xx marcas. Item cuilibet valectorum meorum xiij s. iiij d. Item volo quod Thomas Hayton' habeat omnia terra et tenementa que habeo in villa de Northampton' ad terminum vite sue. Residuum vero bonorum meorum do et lego executoribus meis ut ipsi de eisdem pro salute anime mee fideliter disponant prout ipsi in die iudicii coram summo iudice voluerint respondere. Huius autem testamenti mei ordino et constituo executores meos Johannem Gyffard' Willelmum Rothewell' et Thomam Hayton'. Constituo humiliter et ordino Willelmum Thirnynge militem supervisorem

[1] *Sic, recte* facere celebrari.

[2] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 142.

executorum meorum. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus est appensum. Dat' apud Stevyngton' die et anno supradictis.

Approbacio testamenti. Probatum fuit presens testamentum primo die mensis Septembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto apud Parcum Stowe coram reverendo in Christo patre et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo per eundem reverendum patrem approbatum insinuatum et pro valore testamenti pronunciatum. Commissaque fuit administracio omnium bonorum dictum defunctum concernencium et eius testamentum ac infra iurisdiccionem suam Lincoln' existencium Willelmo Rothewell' executori in eodem testamento nominato in forma iuris iurato, potestatem consimilem administracionem aliis executoribus suis cum eadem admittere voluerint committendi ac calculo et raciocinio administracionis huius eidem reverendo patri reservatis.

1406. May 10th, Old Temple. Licence to William Swalelyne, rector of Tiffield (Tyffeld'), for three years' non-residence for study. [A.]

1405. July 12th, Stow Park. Licence to William Oldham (Oldeham), of Tilbrook (Tylbroke), for three years' non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause " Cum ex eo ". [C.]

1406. May 17th, Old Temple. Licence to William Enderby (Endirby), rector of Ingoldsby (Ingoldesby), for three years' non-residence for study. [A.]

1406. May 28th, Old Temple. Licence to John Spindlove (Spyndelove), rector of Hambleden (Hamuldene), for three years' non-residence for study. [A.]

1406. June 3rd, Old Temple. Letters dimissory to William Middleton (Mildelton') of Castor (Castre), acolyte, to all orders. [B.]

1406. July 20th, Old Temple. Letters dimissory to John Greatham (Gretham), having the first tonsure, to all orders. [B.]

1406. Letter from the bishop of Winchester (dated March 21st) forwarding a letter from the archbishop of Canterbury for a Convocation at St. Paul's on April 26th. This is followed by a letter from Archbishop Arundel to Bishop Repingdon for the prorogation of Convocation to May 10th.[1]

[1] There is a brief notice of this Convocation in *Concilia*, III, p. 284 (from the Register of the bishop of Winchester), where it is added that after the execution of the archbishop's writ the Convocation was prorogued to May 10th by letters to the bishop of Lincoln.

Nota que Winton' episcopus in collegio episcoporum Cantuar' provincie domini subdecanus et episcopi London' decanus.[1]

Reverendo in Christo patri ac domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopus Henricus[2] permissione divina Wynton' episcopus salutem et fraternam in domino caritatem. Litteras reverendissimi in Christo patris ac domini domini Thome dei gracia Cantuar' archiepiscopi tocius Anglie primatis et apostolice sedis legati xxij^{mo}[3] die instantis mensis Marcii recepimus in hec verba. Thomas permissione divina Cantuar' archiepiscopus tocius Anglie primas et apostolice sedis legatus venerabili fratri nostro domino Henrico dei gracia Wynton' episcopo qui tanquam sacrosancte nostre Cantuar' ecclesie subdecano ecclesia London' vacante que ipsius nostre Cantuar' ecclesie decanatus decortim honore nostra et ipsius ecclesie nostre mandata ex debita vestri officii recipere et exequi teneri cum effectu salutem et fraternam in domino caritatem. Breve regium nuper recepimus in hec verba. Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie venerabili in Christo patri Thome eadem gracia archiepiscopo Cantuar' tocius Anglie primati salutem. Quibusdam arduis et urgentibus negociis nos et statum regni nostri ac honorem et utilitatem ecclesie Anglicane intime concernentibus, vobis in fide et dileccione quibus nobis teneri rogando mandamus, quatinus premissis debito intuitu attentis et ponderatis universos et singulos episcopos Cantuar' provincie ac decanos et priores ecclesiarum cathedralium abbates et priores et alios electivos exemptos et non [*Folio 17*^{v}] exemptos necnon archidiaconos capitula conventus et collegia totumque clerum cuiuslibet diocesis eiusdem provincie ad comparendum coram vobis in ecclesia sancti Pauli London' vel alibi prout melius videbitur expedire citra primum diem Maii proximum futurum more solito convocari faciatis ad tractandum concordandum consenciendum et concludendum super premissis et aliis que sibi clarius exponentur tunc ibidem ex parte nostra, et hoc sicut nos et statum dicti regni nostri ac honorem et utilitatem ecclesie predicte diligitis nullatinus omittatur. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium xix^{o} die Marcii anno regni nostri septimo. Quocirca fraternitati vestre committimus et mandamus quatinus omnes et singulos coepiscopos et suffraganeos nostros ac electos siqui sint in nostra Cantuar' provincia constitutos et absencium huiusmodi coepiscoporum siqui fuerint vicarios in spiritualibus generales citetis peremptorie et per eos decanos priores ecclesiarum cathedralium ac singula capitula eorundem archidiaconos abbates et priores conventus sub se habentes et alios ecclesiarum prelatos exemptos et non exemptos clerum que cuiuslibet diocesis provincie nostre antedicte citari peremptorie et premuniri. Volumus et mandamus quod iidem episcopi electi vicarii generales decani priores ac cetera ecclesiarum prelati exempti et non exempti

[1] A marginal hand draws attention to this entry.
[2] Henry Beaufort, bishop of Winchester (1404–47).
[3] *Sic.*

personaliter et quodlibet capitulum ecclesiarum cathedralium per unum, clerus que cuiuslibet diocesis antedicte nostre provincie per duos sufficientes procuratores compareant coram nobis aut nostris in hac parte locumtenentibus seu commissariis si nos tunc quod absit impediri contigerit in ecclesia sancti Pauli London' xxvj^{to} die mensis Aprilis proximo futuro, videlicet die lune in quindena Pasche, ad tractandum nobiscum cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum tunc sequencium et locorum super arduis et urgentibus negociis statum et utilitatem ecclesie et regni Anglie concernentibus ipsis consilia et auxilia super eis impensuri et ad consenciendum hiis que ibidem ex deliberacione communi ad honorem die et ecclesie sue contigerint concorditer ordinari facturique ulterius et recepturi quod huiusmodi negociorum qualitas exigit et requirit. Vos eciam dictum mandatum nostrum quatenus civitatem et diocesim vestras concernint exequi per omnia faciatis et eidem mandato nostro in omnibus pareatis cum effectu. Tenore insuper presencium vos citamus quatinus eisdem die et loco compareatis coram nobis seu nostris locumtenentibus et commissariis una cum aliis suffraganeis nostris ut premittitur tractaturi facturi necnon et recepturi quatenus ad vos attinet prout superius continetur, prelatis eciam ecclesiarum exemptarum non mendicantibus vestre et aliorum coepiscoporum dicte nostre provincie diocesis cuiuscumque fuerint ordinis per vos et dictos confratres nostros prout vos et uniusquemque eorum concernit volumus intimari, ut prefatis die et loco absque preiudicio privilegiorum suorum in hac parte quibus per hoc derogari nolumus, nobiscum intersint facturi et recepturi in premissis et ea contingentibus quod superius est expressum. Volumus insuper et mandamus quatinus intimetis seu intimari et denunciari faciatis dicte nostre provincie coepiscopis et confratribus et electis siqui sint decanis abbatibus et prioribus ac ceteris ecclesiarum prelatis supradictis quod eos a personali comparicione in huiusmodi congregacione dictis die et loco nostra auctoritate deo annuente facienda excusatos habere non intendimus ista vice nisi ex causa necessaria tunc ibidem alleganda eciam et probanda, sed eorum contumacia siqui forsan absentes fuerint secundum iuris exigenciam canonice punietur. Vobis eciam ut supra iniungimus et mandamus quod omnibus et singulis dictis nostris suffaganeis et vicariis huiusmodi iniungatis seu faciatis iniungi ut singuli eorum singillatim de facto suo in hac parte quatenus pertinet ad eosdem nos seu loca nostra tenentes et commissarios antedictos dictis die et loco per litteras eorum patentes citatorum nomina continentes distincte et aperte certificent ut est moris de die vero recepcionis presencium, et quid feceritis in premissis nos nostros ve locumtenentes et commissarios predictos eisdem die et loco modo debite certificare curetis per litteras vestras patentes harum seriem et citatorum nomina vestre diocesis in hac parte in cedula separata huiusmodi vestris litteris certificatoriis annectenda plenius continentes. Dat' London' xxj^{mo} die mensis Marcii antedicti anno

domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto, et nostre translacionis anno decimo. Cuius auctoritate mandati vos reverende patre[1] cum ea qua decet reverencia tenore presencium peremptorie citamus quatinus die et loco in dicto mandato expressatis coram dicto reverendo patre eius ve locumtenente in hac parte et commissariis secundum vim formam et effectum eiusdem mandati ad huiusmodi negocium curetis personaliter comparere. Vobis insuper omnia et singula iuxta formam dicti mandati patri reverendissimi intimanda harum seriem intimamus ac eciam denunciamus ac vobis nichilominus firmiter iniungendo mandamus quatinus cetera omnia et singula in mandato prelibato contenta quatenus vos civitatem et diocesim vestras aut personas earundem concernunt iuxta formam et tenorem eiusdem execucione plenarie demandatis et faciatis efficaciter demandari certificantes dictum reverendissimum patrem distincte et aperte [*Folio 18*] prout in suprascripto mandato fieri demandatur. Dat' in hospicio nostre de Southwerk xxj^{o} die Marcii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinto, et nostre translacionis secundo.

Thomas permissione divina Cantuar' archiepiscopus tocius Anglie primas et apostolice sedis legatus venerabili fratri nostro Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo salutem et fraternam in domino caritatem. Licet iam pridem pro convocacione prelatorum et cleri nostri Cantuarien' provincie ad vicesimum sextum diem mensis Aprilis proximum futurum ad tractandum nobiscum de et super arduis negociis statum et utilitatem ecclesie et regni Anglicane concernentibus in ecclesia sancti Pauli London' cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum tunc sequencium, venerabili fratri nostro Wynton' episcopo sede London' vacante litteras nostras direxerimus ex certis tamen causis oportunis de consensu fratrum nostrorum ipsam convocacionem usque in diem decimum mensis Maii proximum tunc futurum prorogavimus prout tenore presencium prorogamus. Licet insuper vobis seu alii Lincoln' episcopo qui pro tempore fuerit, sede London' sive Wynton' plena scribi non solebat quid tamen sedes episcopalis London' prout notorium est vacat ad presens ac venerabilis frater noster Wynton' extra nostram Cantuarien' provinciam et in partibus transmarinis existit, nec scimus si quem dimisit vicarium cui litteras nostras dirigere poterimus in hoc casu. Vestre fraternitati committimus et mandamus quatinus huiusmodi prorogacionem nostram convocacionis predicte omnibus et singulis coepiscopis et suffraganeis nostris ac electis siqui fuerint in nostra Cantuarien' provincia constituti et absencium huiusmodi episcoporum siqui fuerint vicariis in spiritualibus generalibus debite intimantes citetis insuper eosdem peremptorie et per eos decanos et priores ecclesiarum cathedralium ac singula capitula earundem archidiaconos que abbates et priores conventus sub se habentes et alios ecclesiarum prelatos exemptos et non exemptos clerumque cuiuslibet diocesis provincie nostre antedicte citari peremptorie

[1] *Sic.*

et premuniri, volumus et mandamus que iidem episcopi electi vicarii generales decani priores ac ceteri ecclesiarum prelati exempti et non exempti personaliter et quodlibet capitulum ecclesiarum cathedralium per unum, clerus que cuiuslibet diocesis antedicte nostre provincie per duos sufficientes procuratores compareant coram nobis aut nostris in hac parte locumtenentibus seu commissariis si nos tunc que absit impediri contigerit in ecclesia sancti Pauli London' prefato decimo die mensis Maii proximo futuro ad tractandum nobiscum cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum tunc sequencium et locorum super arduis et urgentibus negociis antedictis statum et utilitatem ecclesie et regni Anglie concernentibus ipsis tunc ibidem seriosius exponendum sua que consilia et auxilia super eis impensuri et ad consenciendum. Hiis que ibidem ex deliberacioni communi ad honorem dei et ecclesie sue contigerit concorditer ordinari facturi que et ulterius recepturi quod huiusmodi negociorum qualitas exigit et requirit, vos eciam dictum mandatum nostrum quatenus civitatem et diocesim vestras concernit exequi per omnia faciatis et eidem mandato nostre in omnibus pareatis cum effectu. Tenore insuper presencium vos citamus quatinus eisdem die et loco compareatis coram nobis seu nostris locumtenentibus vel commissariis una cum aliis suffraganeis nostris ut premittitur facturi necnon et recepturi quatenus ad vos attinet prout superius continetur, prelatis eciam ecclesiarum exemptarum non mendicantibus vestre ac aliorum coepiscoporum dicte nostre provincie diocesium cuiuscumque fuerint ordinis per vos et dictos confratres nostros prout vos et unumquemque eorum concernit volumus intimari ut prefatis die et loco proximis supradictis absque preiudicio privilegiorum suorum in hac parte quibus per hoc derogari nolumus nobiscum intersint, facturi et recepturi in premissis et ea contingentibus quod supra est expressum. Volumus insuper et mandamus quatinus intimetis seu intimari et denunciari faciatis dicte nostre provincie coepiscopis et confratribus electis decanis abbatibus et prioribus ac ceteris ecclesiarum prelatis supradictis quod eos a personali comparicione in huiusmodi congregacione dictis die et loco nostra auctoritate deo annuente facienda excusatos habere non intendimus ista vice nisi ex causa necessaria tunc ibidem alleganda eciam et probanda, sed eorum contumacia siqui forsan absentes fuerint secundum iuris exigenciam canonice punietur. Vobis eciam ut supra iniungimus et mandamus que omnibus et singulis dictis nostris suffraganeis et vicariis huiusmodi iniungatis seu faciatis iniungi ut singuli eorum singillatim de facto suo in hac parte quatenus pertinet ad eosdem nos aut loca nostra tenentes vel commissarios antedictos dictis die et loco proximis supradictis per litteras eorum patentes citatorum nomina continentes distincte et aperte certificent ut est moris de die vero recepcionis presencium. Et quid feceritis in premissis nos nostros ve locumtenentes vel commissarios predictos eisdem die et loco modo debite certificare curetis per litteras vestras

patentes harum seriem et citatorum nomina vestre diocesis in hac parte in cedula separata huiusmodi vestris litteris certificatoriis annectendi plenius continentes. Dat' London' quinto die mensis Aprilis anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} sexto, et nostre translacionis anno decimo.

[*Folio 18^{v}*]

1406. August 20th, Sleaford. Dispensation by direction of the papal penitentiary to William Gower, acolyte, to proceed to all orders and to hold a benefice with cure, notwithstanding his illegitimacy.

Dispensacio pro Gowere. Memorandum quod vicesimo die mensis Augusti anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} sexto apud Sleford' reverendus in Christo pater et dominus dominus Philippus dei gracia Lincoln' episcopus auctoritate litterarum reverendi in Christo patris et domini domini Antonii divina miseracione tituli sancte Praxedis presbiteri cardinalis sibi in hac parte commissa cum Willelmo Gowere Lincoln' diocesis accolito de soluto genito et soluta iniuncta eidem primitus penitencia salutari debita absolucione previa pro eo quod defectu predicto non obstante se fecit tacito ad omnes minores ordines promoveri misericorditer dispensavit quod ipse in ordinibus sic susceptis possit ministrare et ad omnes sacros ordines promoveri ac beneficium ecclesiasticum obtinere eciam si curam habeat animarum defectu predicto non obstante, et inde habet litteras testimoniales sigillo domini sigillatas.

1406. August 20th. Licence to John Knaresborough of Burgh-le-Marsh, for the private celebration of divine services.

Item xx^{mo} die mensis Augusti anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} sexto apud Sleford' concessa fuit licencia Johanni Knaresburgh' de Burgh' iuxta Waynflet' Lincoln' diocesis et Matilde eius uxori quod possint divina facere celebrari in aliquo loco decenti et honesto infra mansum predictum per triennium duraturum.

1406. August 23rd, Lincoln. Confirmation by Bishop Repingdon of an agreement drawn up at Leicester on May 20th between the dean and chapter of the Newarke collegiate church at Leicester and Mary, widow of William Hervy, concerning the foundation of a chantry in memory of William and Mary Hervy and of Alexander Dalby, priest. Certain lands in Gloucestershire are granted by Mary Hervy for the endowment of the chantry and the maintenance of one chaplain.

The chaplain is to take an oath of obedience to the dean and chapter, and to hold no other paid office. He is to recite the daily services, with special prayers for those in whose memory the chantry is founded, and he should attend matins, mass and vespers on Sundays and feast-days and take part in processions in accordance

with the wishes of the dean. His salary is to be eight marks a year, and he is to be provided with vestments, chalice, bread, wine, wax, missal and other necessities, and to have a room within the close. On the anniversaries of the founders' deaths, a distribution of money is to be made to the dean, canons, vicars, clerks and choristers, and to the poor.

FUNDACIO CANTARIE PRO MARIA HERVY IN ECCLESIA NOVA COLLEGIATA LEYCESTR'.[1] Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presentes littere indentate pervenerint Ricardus de Elvet decanus nove ecclesie collegiate beate Marie Leycestr' diocesis Lincoln' et eiusdem loci capitulum salutem in domino sempiternam. Cum carissima nobis in Christo Maria quondam uxor Willelmi Hervy zelo caritatis accensa per cartam suam de licencia regia dederit et concesserit nobis decano et capitulo antedictis manerium de Southorp' vocatum Fylibertiscourt cum pertinenciis et manerium de Southorp' vocatum Greyescourt cum pertinenciis et unum mesuagium unum toftum et quatuor virgate terre cum pertinenciis in Southorp' et Lecchetur vyle in comitatu Glouc' habendum et tenendum nobis et successoribus nostris in auxilium sustentacionis nostre et supportacionis onerum predicte ecclesie collegiate incumbencium imperpetuum prout in dicta carta plenius continetur. Noveritis quod nos decanus et capitulum predicti super premissis tractatu solempni procedente plenius deliberati et annalibus prefati Marie cum ab hac luce migraverit et specialium amicorum et benefactorum suorum subscriptorum per nos et successores nostros in ea parte in futurum aliquam recompensam spiritualem fieri corditer affectantes, de unanimi omnium nostrorum et singulorum consensu et assensu ac mera spontanea et libera voluntate nostra fundamus stabilimus ordinamus et constituimus pro animabus dicti Willelmi Hervy et domini Alexandri Dalby clerici defunctorum ac pro anima dicte Marie cum de medio fuerit sublata et pro animabus parentum et benefactorum suorum unam cantariam perpetuam unius capellani in dicta ecclesia vel capella pauperum ad assignacionem decani ibidem divina continue celebraturi a tempore quo dictam Mariam ab hac luce migrare continget sumptibus ipsius ecclesie in forma subscripta inveniendum et sustendandum. Ad quam quid cantariam immediate post mortem dicte Marie et posterius tociens quociens ipsam cantariam per mortem vel ammocionem capituli ibidem vacare continget. Decanus prefate ecclesie qui pro tempore fuerit assignabit et preficiet unum capellanum honestum et ydoneum ad libitum eiusdem decani pro incontinencia vel alia inhonestate aut causa legitima si super hoc convincatur absque strepitu et figura iudicii ammotum. Item ordinamus quod dictus capellanus post ipsius refeccionem ad dictam cantariam prostabit

[1] The royal licence for the chantry was granted on March 4th, 1405/6. *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1405–8, p. 158. See A. Hamilton Thompson, *History of the Hospital and the New College of the Annunciation of St. Mary in the Newarke, Leicester*, pp. 93–4.

obedienciam dicto decano, et iurabit super sancta dei evangelia per ipsum corporaliter tacta quod ab hac hora in antea fidelis erit dicte ecclesie decano ac canonicis eiusdem et eorum comodum et utilitatem pro posse suo procurabit, et quod dampnum vel preiudicium eis non faciet nec ab aliis fieri sciet quin illud pro viribus impediet, et si impedire non poterit tunc prefatum decanum inde premuniet et quod aliud salarium officium stipendium seu annuale preter salarium subscriptum a quoquam non recipiet nec habebit durante toto tempore quo stabit in cantaria predicta. Et preterea quod durante eodem tempore dicet cotidie diligenter et devote horas suas canonicas et missas celebrabit cum specialibus collecta secreta et postcommunione pro dictis animabus quociens adhoc dispositus fuerit vel causa racionabili iudicio decani approbanda minime prepeditus existat, et ulterius quod dicet cotidie exequias mortuorum cum ix vel tribus leccionibus secundum temporis exigenciam et commendacionem animarum ac septem psalmos penitenciales et quindecim psalmos graduum cum letania coram precibus et oracionibus dicte latanias[1] pertinentibus specialiter pro animabus predictorum Willelmi domini Alexandri et Marie parentum et benefactorum suorum predictorum ac omnium fidelium defunctorum. Item ordinamus quod dictus capellanus teneatur personaliter interesse matutinis missis et vesperis in diebus dominicis festis duplicibus et ceteris diebus festivis ac in processionibus quibus dicto decano expediens vel honestum visum fuerit in competenti et honesto habitu more vicariorum in dicta ecclesia si non fuerit causa racionabili iudicio dicti decani approbanda prepeditus. Item ordinamus quod idem capellanus percipiat de nobis et successoribus nostris annuatim imperpetuum pro salario suo octo marcas sterlingorum per manus prepositi prefate ecclesie pro tempore existentis diebus et terminis in eadem ecclesia usitatis. Et quod idem capellanus habeat sumptibus ipsius ecclesie vestimenta [*Folio 19*] calicem panem vinum ceram missale et alia ornamenta pro missis dicendis necessaria et unam cameram honestam et competentem pro mora sua infra clausum dicti collegii per prefatum decanum sibi assignandam. Item ordinamus et concedimus pro nobis et successoribus nostris quod dies anniversarius sive obitus prefatorum Willelmi domini Alexandri et Marie a tempore mortis eiusdem Marie eodem die scilicet quo ipsam ex hoc mundo migrare continget infra dictum collegium per nos et successores nostros solempniter teneri debeat et imperpetuum observari eisdem modo et forma quibus tenetur et observatur obitus perpetuus alicuius decani defuncti ibidem. Item ordinamus quod in die obitus eorundem Willelmi domini Alexandri et Marie nos et successores nostri solvi faciemus annuatim pro perpetuo ministris dicte ecclesie et pauperibus domus pauperum ibidem per manus prepositi antedicti summas subscriptas, videlicet decano duos solidos cuilibet canonico duodecim denarios cuilibet

[1] *Sic, recte* letanias.

vicario et clerico sex denarios cuilibet choriste et virgario tres denarios cuilibet pauperi viro et mulieri de dicta domo pauperum quinque denarios in honore quinque vulnerum Jesu Christi pro nobis passi et crucifixi. Et ad omnia et singula premissa ex parte nostra et successorum nostrorum predictorum absque dolo et fraude in forma prescripta bene et fideliter faciendum et observandum et in omnibus adimplendum obligamus nos et successores nostros predictos ac collegium nostrum prefatum domino episcopo Lincoln' et eius successoribus in centum solidis sterlingorum solvendum eidem domino episcopo vel eius successoribus nostris absque fraude dolo culpa defectu vel negligencia nostri vel successorum nostrorum in futurum evincantur seu ad ulterius manus quod absit quovismodo imposterum deveniant. Ita quod nos vel successores nostri redditus et proventus eorundem maneriorum messuagii tofti et quatuor virgatas terre recipere et eis gaudere non poterimus quod extunc ad sustentacionem predicte cantarie et supportacionem predicti obitus et ceterorum onerum predictorum. Nos et successores nostri nullatenus teneamur sed inde omnino fimus exonerati et quieti inperpetuum. In cuius rei testimonium duabus partibus huius indenture tripartite penes prefatum dummodo episcopum et Mariam remanentibus nos prefati decanus et capitulum sigillum nostrum commune fecimus apponi. Reliquo vero parti eiusdem indenture penes nos dictos decanum et capitulum remanenti prefata Maria sigillum suum apposuit. Dat' Leycestr' in domo nostra capitulari vicesimo die Maii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} sexto. Et nos Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus quia invenimus supradictam cantariam vite et legitime fundatam ipsam cantariam et eius fundacionem seu ordinacionem subdictam ac omnia et singula contenta in eisdem auctoritate nostra pontificali pro nobis et successoribus nostris quantum in nobis est auctorizamus ratificamus approbamus et confirmamus. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Dat' in palacio nostro Lincoln' xxiij^{o} die mensis Augusti anno domini quo supra, et nostre consecracionis anno secundo.

1406. May 24th, Old Temple. Licence to Thomas Wroxton (Wroston'), rector of Towcester (Toucestre) and Loughborough (Lughteburgh'), to put his churches to farm, for five years. [D.]

1406. May 25th. Licence for the private celebration of divine services to Lady Elizabeth la Zouche.

Item xxv^{to} die mensis Maii anno domini quo supra apud Vetus Templum London' concessa fuit licencia domine Elizabethe la Zouche et eius liberis quod possint facere divina celebrari in quibuscumque capellis sive oratoriis tam suis quam alienis infra diocesim Lincoln' quam diu domino placuerit.

1406. May 22nd, Old Temple. Letters dimissory to the abbot of Missenden (Myssenden'), for monks who have the first tonsure, to all orders. [F.]

1406. September 11th, Sleaford. Licence to John Edderston (Eddreston'), rector of Riseholme (Rysom), for three years' non-residence for study. [A.]

1406. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to Richard English of Winthorpe (September 10th) and Amice Lardner of Barkby (December 29th).

Item x^mo^ die mensis Septembris anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ sexto apud Sleford' concessa fuit licencia Ricardo Englysh' de Wynthorp' Lincoln' diocesis et eius uxori quod possent divina facere celebrari in capella sive oratorio infra mansum suum de Wynthorp' predicta per triennium.

Item xxix^mo^ die mensis Decembris anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ sexto apud Sleford' concessa fuit licencia Amicie Lardener ac liberis suis et familie in eius presencia quod possit facere celebrari divina infra mansum suum de Barkeby Lincoln' diocesis in oratorio sive capella eiusdem per triennium.

[*Folio 19*^v^]

[Undated]. Notification by John Barnet, official of the Court of Arches, that he has received a petition from the abbot and convent of St. Albans, asking that transcripts may be made of certain letters granted to them by Boniface IX. These letters have to be carried to distant parts of the country, and it is feared that the original copies may be lost.[1]

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presentes littere sive presens transumptum pervenerit seu pervenerint, Johannes Barnet officialis curie Cantuar' salutem in omni salvatore. Ex parte religiosorum virorum abbatis et conventus monasterii sancti Albani ordinis sancti Benedicti Lincoln' diocesis ad Romanam ecclesiam nullo modo pertinentis nobis in ecclesia beate Marie de Archubus London' per tribunali sedentibus extitit cum non modica instancia supplicatum. Ut cum ipsi religiosi viri habeant duas litteras apostolicas sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini domini nostri domini Bonifacii divina providencia pape noni ipsius vera bulla prehibea cum filis sericis more Romane curie bullatas ipsos religiosos viros abbatem et conventum concernentes, quas non habent ut asserunt duplicatas, et necesse habent in diversis regni Anglie partibus a se multum distantibus easdem presentare et exhibere seu saltem fidem plenarie

[1] There is no indication of the content of the letters, and the entry appears to be incomplete.

facere de eisdem, et prefate littere originales possent de facili si ad partes remotas portarentur propter diversos et adversos casus qui frequenter accidunt verisimiliter deperire quatinus ipsas litteras apostolicas sic ut premittitur bullatas inspicere et examinare curaremus. Et si huiusmodi litteras per nos inspectas et examinatas repiremus non cancellatas non abrasas non abolitas non suspectas, auctoritate nostra per notarium publicum subscriptas huiusmodi litteras apostolicas transumi exemplari et in publicam formam redegi mandaremus. Ut huiusmodi ipsarum transumpto sicut originalibus litteris predictis fides adhiberi valeat ubilibet in agendis quarum quidem litterarum apostolicarum tenores seriatim secuntur et sunt tales. Bonefacius episcopus servus servorum die dilectis filiis abbati et conventui monasterii sancti Albani Romane ecclesie immediate subiecti ordinis sancti Benedicti Lincoln'.

1406. October 12th, Buckden. Ordinance drawn up by Bishop Repingdon to define and regulate the emoluments and responsibilities of the vicar of Felmersham parish church, which is appropriated to King's Hall, Cambridge.

Femersham ordinacio vicarie. Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes litteras inspecturis Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus salutem cum benediccione et gracia salvatoris. Nuper reverendus in Christo pater bone memorie Johannes dei gracia Lincoln' episcopus precessor noster immediatus ecclesiam parochialem de Felmeresham sue diocesis cum suis iuribus et pertinenciis diversis salva porcione vicarie eiusdem per nos limitandis et ordinandis custodi et scolaribus aule scolarium domini nostri Regis in Canterbr' Elien' diocesis concurrentibus et intervenientibus omnibus et singulis que de iure requiruntur, auctoritate sua ordinaria approbavit univit et annexit, et in usus suos proprios perpetuo possidendum concessit; ita que cedente vel decedente rectore ecclesie de Felmeresham predicta qui tunc fuit prefatam ecclesiam parochialem cum suis iuribus et pertinenciis universis ac in corporalem possessionem ipsius salva porcione predicta ingredi libere et nancisci ac tenere perpetualiter et habere et in usus suos proprios perpetuo possidere possint et deleant prout in processu appropriacionis et unionis huiusmodi ac suis inde confectis litteris ad quos nos referimus et quas pro hic repetitis et incertis haberi volumus plenius continetur. Verum cum domino Roberto Gaynesburgh' tunc ipsius ecclesie rectore viam universe carnis ingresse, prefati custos et scolares primo dominum Willelmum Prentys presbiterum et ipso postmodum vita finito dominum Johannem Thomays presbiterum ad eandem vicariam debite presentarunt, ad quorum presentacionem vicarii perpetui in eadem successive ut premittitur fuerant instituti canonice et inducti, prefati custos et scolares ac dominus Johannes Thomays vicarius perpetuus

dicte ecclesie qui nunc est nos cum instancia rogarunt ut ad limitacionem ordinacionem porcionis vicarie predicte procedere dignaremur. Nos igitur Philippus episcopus Lincoln' supradictus vocatis ad hoc predictis custode et scolaribus ac domino Johanne vicario nominatim et in specie ac omnibus aliis quorum interest publice et in genere ipsisque custode et scolaribus per magistrum Thomam Mordon' licenciatum in legibus procuratorem suum ad hoc specialiter constitutum, dictoque domino Johanne vicario die et loco infrascriptis ad hoc assignatis personaliter comparentibus et ordinacioni ac limitacioni memorie et nominis sue ac dicti collegii et ecclesie ipsius que vicarie ac successor suorum expresse obmittentibus facta primitus de valore dicte ecclesie et oneribus eidem incumbencibus et aliis articulis in ea parte necessariis inquisicione diligenti ipsis que debite ponderatis et aliis iuris solempniis observatis Christi nomine primitus invocato ad instantem peticionem dictorum custodis et scolarium ac vicarii et de eorum expresso consensu ipsam porcionem prout sequiter limitamus et ordinamus, decernentes eciam tam a custode et scolaribus quam a vicario dicte ecclesie qui sunt et erunt pro tempore cunctis futuris temporibus inviolabiliter observari. In primis siquidem limitamus et ordinamus quod predicti custos et scolares qui sunt et erunt pro tempore habebunt nomine personatus dicte ecclesie parochialis de Felmeresham omnes et singulos cuiuscumque generis bladorum et feni infra parochiam dicte ecclesie et loca decimabilia eiusdem provenientes et proventuros ac provenire debentes ac eciam exitus proventus redditus et commoditates quecumque de gleba et dominio temporali ad dictam ecclesiam pertinentes, quod que omnia alia et singula iura decimas et oblaciones et obvenciones ex eadem ecclesia provenientes et proventuras percipiat et habeat vicarius eiusdem ecclesie pro tempore existens nomine porcionis vicarie sue predicte. Item limitamus et ordinamus quod quilibet vicarius eiusdem ecclesie pro tempore existens inveneret in ecclesia parochiali de Felmeresham predicta et capellis eidem annexis seu dependentis ab eadem panem vinum ceram et oleum in eisdem ecclesia et capellis inveniri consueta. Ornamenta vero dicte ecclesie ante ipsius [*Folio 20*] appropriacionem pertinuit[1] reparabit dictus vicarius quociens opus fuerit suis sumptibus et expensis. Solvat eciam idem vicarius existens quascumque procuraciones raciones visitacionis debitas et debendas ac sinodalia et andrealia[1] et alios census archidiacono loci solvi consuetis. Item limitamus et ordinamus quod in supportacionem dictorum onerum dicti custos et scolares qui pro tempore fuerint solvant vel solvi faciant vicario dicte ecclesie pro tempore existenti singulis annis imperpetuum xxvj s. octo d. annuam pensionem in ecclesia parochiali de Felmeresham predicta ad duos cuiuslibet anni terminos videlicet Michaeli et Pasche equis porcionibus persolvendis. Item ordinamus et limitamus quod vicarius eiusdem ecclesie pro tempore existens habeat

[1] *Sic.*

partem rectorie in qua aula situatur omnino fines et bunde modo quo sequitur extenduntur. In primis mansum vicarie a gardino sive manso rectorie eiusdem versus partem orientalem dicte rectorie dividetur per fossatis sive murum sumptibus vicarii imposterum reparandum qui fossatus sive murus se extendit a columbari exclusive per lineam roccam usque ad gardinum sive mansum Nicholai Bacon' et continet in longitudine xij perticas excepto spacio duorum pedum hominum et inter dictum fossatum et cameram vicarii erit una pertica xij pedum. Item versus borialem dicte rectorie mansum sive clausura vicarie dividetur per murum imposterum reparandum per vicarium qui pro tempore fuerit, qui murus se extendet a columbari exclusive usque ad viam regiam et continet in longitudine ix particas et partica continet xvj pedes hominum. Spacium vero inter murum predictum et aulam vicarii erit ix pedum hominum includendo eciam dictum murum et sic mansum sive scitum vicarie predicte habebit introitum et exitum versus partem occidentem in viam regiam que pretenditur inter rectoriam et tenementum Philippi Hervy. Quam quidem composicionem et limitacionem sive ordinacionem per nos ut premittitur factis prefatus procurator dictorum custodis et scolarium pro se ipsis ac dictis custode et scolaribus eorumque successoribus dictus que dominus Johannes vicarius pro se et successoribus suis expresse admiserunt emologarunt et acceptarunt, eidem que composicioni limitacioni sive ordinacioni expresse consensierunt. Dat' etc. apud Bugden' duodecimo die Octobris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} sexto, et consecracionis nostre anno secundo.

1406. May 23rd, Old Temple. Licence to William Agell', rector of Mixbury, for three years' non-residence. [H.]

1406. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to Robert de Hagbeach, knight, of Whaplode (September 13th), John Barnack, knight, of Dillington (October 14th), John de Derham of North Mimms and Munden (October 18th) and William Terrington of Clipston (October 27th).

Item xiij^{mo} die mensis Septembris anno domini que supra concessa fuit licencia domino Roberto de Hakebech' de Quaplod' militi et eius uxori quod possit divina facere celebrari in oratorio sive capella infra mansum suum de Quaplode per triennium.

Item xiiij^{o} die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo etc. quo supra concessa fuit consimilis licencia domino Johanni Barnak militi et eius uxori ad faciendum divina celebrari infra manerium suum de Delyngton' Lincoln' diocesis per triennium.

Item xviij^{mo} die Octobris anno domini supradicto concessa fuit consimilis licencia Johanni de Dyrham et eius uxori ad faciendum per capellanos ydoneos divina celebrari in capellis sive oratoriis infra mansum suum de Northmymmes sive Munden' per triennium.

Item xxvij° die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo cccc^mo sexto apud Vetus Templum London' concessa fuit licencia Willelmo Teneryngton' et Elene eius uxori ad celebrandum per capellanos divina infra mansum suum in parochia de Clypston' per triennium.

1406. July 22nd, Old Temple. Licence to John Disworth (Disworth'), rector of Sherington (Shiryngton'), for two years' non-residence. [H.]

1406. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to Philip Branche, knight (October 12th), William Porter of Holbeach (October 12th), and Simon Leake of Swabourton'[1] (October 13th).

Item xij^mo die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo cccc^mo sexto apud Bucden' concessa fuit licencia domino Philippo Branche militi et eius uxori ad faciendum divina celebrari infra mansum suum ubicumque ac liberis suis in eius presencia per triennium.

Item xij^mo die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo etc. apud Bugden' concessa fuit licencia domino Willelmo Porter de Holbech' quod possit divina celebrare infra mansum suum de Holbech' predicta per triennium.

Item xiij^mo die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo cccc^mo sexto apud Buckden concessa fuit consimilis licencia Simoni Leke et eius uxori ad faciendum divina celebrari in oratorio sive capella infra mansum suum de Swabourton' per triennium.

1406. October 14th, Old Temple. Licence to Thomas, vicar of All Saints, Hungate, to celebrate one anniversary on account of the poverty of his benefice, the permission to last for one year.

Item xiiij° die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo cccc^mo sexto apud Vetus Templum London' concessa fuit licencia domino Thome vicario ecclesie prebendalis Omnium Sanctorum in Hundegate Lincoln' diocesis quod possit celebrare unum annale pro defunctis in ecclesia sua antedicta per unum annum propter exilitatem beneficii sui antedicti.

1406. December 19th. The newly elected Cistercian abbot of Kirkstead receives benediction from Bishop Repingdon in the prebendal church of Sleaford, and makes his profession of obedience, saving his order.

Memorandum quod die dominica proxima post festum sancte Lucie virginis videlicet xix^mo die Decembris anno domini [*Folio 20*^v] millesimo cccc^mo sexto in ecclesia prebendali de Sleford' Lincoln' diocesis coram reverendo in Christo patre et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo venit quidam frater Johannes Alvyngham

[1] Unidentified.

monachus monasterii de parco Lude ordinis Cistercien' dicte Lincoln' diocesis in abbatem monasterii de Kyrkestede dicte ordinis et diocesis vacantem et pastoris solacio destituti iuxta dicti ordinis instituta ut asseruit catholice electus et confirmatus et ab eodem reverendo patre humiliter et cum instancia officii sui plenitudinem et munus benediccionis abbatibus dictis ordinis dari consuetum iuxta sedis apostolice privilegia eidem ordini indulta sibi dari et impendi peciit et postulavit. Unde idem reverendus pater precibus suis multiplicibus excitatus et ulterius ut dixit volens ea peragere que suo incumbunt officio in hac parte pastorali eidem fratri Johanni plenitudinem officii sui et munus benediccionis huiusmodi intra missarum solempnia ibidem per eundem reverendum patrem solempniter celebrata cum omni solempnitate in hac parte requisita publice impendebat et professionem dicti fratris Johannis ab eodem recepit in hec verba. Ego frater Johannes abbas monasterii de Kirkestede ordinis Cistercien' Lincoln' diocesis subieccionem et reverenciam a sanctis patribus constitutas secundum regulam sancti Benedicti tibi domine episcope tuisque successoribus catholice substituendis et sancte ecclesie Lincoln' salvo ordine meo perpetuo me exhibiturum promitto et per manum propriam signo ✠ et confirmo. Qua lecta idem Johannes abbas cum penna et incausto manu sua propria signum crucis eidem professioni sue imposuit et ipsam in manus dicti reverendi patris liberavit. Quibus omnibus peractis et finitis idem frater Johannes abbas quandam capam de choro ex patino aureo confectam qua indutus erat dum munus benediccionis reciperet dicto reverendi patri in signum subieccionis et obediencie dimisit et feoda debita et officiariis domini episcopi ab antiquo solvi consuetudine, videlicet, illis de capella dicti domini episcopi xiij s. iiij d., capellano suo vj s. viij d., camerario suo vj s. viij d. et marescallo suo vj s. viij d. absque repplicacione seu contradiccione persolvit et satisfecit. Presentibus tunc ibidem venerabilibus et discretis viris magistro Johanne Hauberk' decretorum doctore officiali Lincoln' Roberto Stonham bacallario in theologia et domino Johanni Lydington' ecclesie Lincoln' canonicis ac Thoma Colston' clerico qui predicta feoda vice et nomine omnium predictorum officiorum de abbate predicto recepit ac aliis quam pluribus tunc ibidem in multitudine copiosa presentibus et congregatis.

1406/7. Licences for the celebration of divine services in private chapels or oratories to Joan, widow of John Turvey of Osgodby in the parish of Kirkby (December 25th), Eleanor Broun of Wrestlingworth and Robert Leake, knight, of Frieston (January 4th).

Item xxv^to^ die Decembris anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ sexto apud Sleford' concessa fuit licencia Johanne relicte Johannis Turve ad faciendum divina celebrari in capella sive oratorio de Osgotby in parochia de Kyrkeby Lincoln' diocesis per triennium.

Item iiij^{to} die Januarii anno domini et loco quo supra concessa fuit licencia consimilis Elianore Broun' de Wrastelingworth' quod possit facere divina celebrari in capella sive oratorio decenti infra mansum suum de Wrastelingworth' predicta per triennium.

Item quarto die Januarii anno domini et loco predictis concessa fuit licencia consimilis domino Roberto Leke militi quod possit divina infra manerium suum de Fryston' facere celebrari per capellanos ydoneos in capella sive oratorio decenti et honesto per triennium.

1406. September 20th, Oxford. Examination and confirmation of an agreement between the abbot and convent of Notley and the rector of Ickford concerning the payment of tithes. The agreement, which was drawn up in 1321 and confirmed by the bishop of Lincoln in 1322, provides for the collection by the abbot of tithes of corn and hay at Chearsley in the parish of Grendon, which is appropriated to the abbey, and for the annual payment of twenty-two shillings to the rector of Ickford.

Composicio inter abbatem de Notteley et rectorem de Hikford' super percepcione decimarum. In dei nomine amen. Per presens publicum instrumentum cunctis appareat manifeste quod anno ab incarnacione domini secundum cursum et computacionem ecclesie Anglicane millesimo cccc^{mo} sexto Indiccione quintodecima Pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Innocencii divina providencia pape septimi anno tercio mensis Septembris die xx^{mo} in mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presencia in ecclesia beate Marie virginis infra villam sive municipium universitatis Oxon' Galfridus Wroughton' clericus procurator religiosorum virorum abbatis et conventus monasterii beate Marie de Notteley ordinis sancti Augustini legitime constitutus prout per litteras huic inde michi ostensas constat evidenter personaliter comparens, quasdam litteras concordiam sive composicionem inter religiosos viros abbatem et conventum antedictos Lincoln' diocesis ex una parte et dominum Nicholaum de Riale rectorem ecclesie parochialis de Hykford' eiusdem diocesis ex altera non abolitas non abrasas nec diminutas ymmo omni vicio et suspicione carentes cum sigillis pendentibus eisdem viridi cera impressis continentes presentavit exhibuit et realiter liberavit, insuper que publicum super eisdem fieri ve in forma iuris requisunt, quarum tenor sequitur in hec verba. Quibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Henricus dei gracia Lincoln' episcopus salutem in domino. Noverint universitas vestra nos ordinacionem concordiam sive composicionem super controversia mota super quibusdam decimis garbarum et feni quas apud Cherdesley infra limites ecclesie parochialis de Grendon' religiosi viri abbas et conventus monasterii de Notteley ordinis sancti Augustini in proprios usus obtinent, quas rector de Hikford' eiusdem diocesis asseruit se et predecessores

suos qui pro tempore fuerunt pacifice possidisse et quiete a tempore eius contrarii memoria non existit, inspexisse in hec verba. Noverint universi presentes litteras inspecturi vel audituri que cum inter religiosos viros abbatem et conventum de Nottele Lincoln' diocesis ex parte una et dominum Nicholaum de Riale rectorem ecclesie de Hikford' eiusdem diocesis ex alteri controversia mota fuisset super quibusque decimis garbarum [*Folio 21*] et feni quas apud Chardesle infra limites ecclesie parochialis de Grendon' quam idem religiosi viri in proprios usus obtinent, quas idem rector asseruit se et predecessores suos qui pro tempore fuerunt pacifice possidisse a tempore cuius contrarii memoria non existit, dictis tamen religiosis viris contrarium asserentibus, tandem interveniente consensu et mera voluntate Guydonis Breton' patroni ecclesie de Hykford' supradicte inter partes predictas compositum fuerit in hunc modum; videlicet, quod prefatus Nicholaus rector ecclesie de Hykford' predicte pro se et successoribus rectoribus qui pro tempore erunt in ecclesia predicta concessit predictis religiosis viris predictas decimas omnes et singulas ita libere plene et integre absque diminucione sicut ipse et predecessores sui rectores ecclesie de Hykford' predicte umquam perceperunt temporibus retroactis habendas et tenendas predictis religiosis et successoribus suis imperpetuum, et prefati religiosi unanimi consensu et voluntate capituli sui concesserunt pro se et successoribus suis se teneri et obligatos esse prefato Nicholao et successoribus suis pro perpetuo qui pro tempore erunt rectores in eadem ecclesia in una pensione annua viginta duarum solidorum solvenda annuatim eidem rectori et successoribus suis apud Notle ad duos anni terminos, scilicet ad festum sancti Thome apostoli et ad festum Annunciacionis beate Marie per equales porciones, et ad predicte annue solucionem terminis predictis eidem rectori et successoribus suis fideliter faciendis predicta religiosi obligant se et successores suos qui pro tempore erunt imperpetuum. Quam quidem composicionem sive concordiam inter predictos imperpetuum valituram concesserunt et expresso consensu acceptarunt si dominus Lincoln' episcopus hanc auctoritate episcopali confirmaverit, subiacerunt insuper partes prefate mera sponte sua ordinacioni et voluntati venerabilis patris Lincoln' episcopi ut ipse composicionis sive concordie supradicte plenam habeat potestatem compellendi partem dictam composicionem sive concordiam observare nolentem. In cuius rei testimonium ut ista composicio realis permaneat et perpetua predicti religiosi viri huic scripto indentato sigillum suum commune apposuerunt. Cuius altera pars penes dictos religiosos viros sigillo dicti domini Nicholai signata residet. Dat' apud Notle in capitulo nostro xij^{o} kalendas Junii anno domini millesimo ccc^{mo} xx^{mo} primo. Nos igitur prefatam concordiam sive composicionem ratam habentes auctoritate pontificali duximus confirmandam ipsam que realem decernimus imperpetuum servandam. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum

presentibus apponi fecimus. Dat' Lincoln' secundo die mensis Septembris anno domini millesimo cccmo xxijo. Acta sunt hec sub anno Indiccione Pontificatu mense die loco prefatis, presentibus discretis viris Johanne Northwych' et Thoma Clement clericis Lincoln' et Sarum diocesium testibus ad premissa specialiter rogatis et requisitis. Et ego Nicholaus Wyndul' clericus Ebor' diocesis publicus auctoritate apostolica notarius premissas litteras sic ut premittitur presentatas exhibitas et liberatas non abolitas non abrasas non diminutas ymmo omni vicio seu suspicione carentes una cum testibus prenominatis sub anno domini Indiccione Pontificatus mense die et loco predictis presens interfui easque de verbo ad verbum legi et ab aliis audiri feci manuque mea propria scripsi et premissa in hanc publicam formam citari et signum meum hic apposui consuetum rogatus et requisitus in fidem et testimonium omnium premissorum.

1406/7. January 30th, Oxford. Letters dimissory to John Kempe, acolyte, to all orders. [B.]

1406/7. January 31st, Oxford. Licence to the scholars of the hall called Peckwater's Inn for the private celebration of divine services, for five years.

Oratorium Pekwedersyn'. Item ibidem ultimo die eiusdem mensis anno domini supradicto concessa fuit licencia scolaribus sive studentibus infra hospicium vocatum Pekwedersyn[1] universitatis Oxon' ad faciendum divina celebrari in capella sive oratorio decenti et honesto infra hospicium predictum per quinquennium.

Same date and place. Licence to Richard Leyot, rector of Brampton (Brampton'), subdeacon, for three years' non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause " Cum ex eo ". [C.]

Same date and place. Letters dimissory to Richard Ewerby (Ewardeby), acolyte, to all orders. [B.]

1406/7. January 15th, Irnham. Licence to Peter Saltby of Lincoln to choose a suitable chaplain as his confessor.[2]

Item xvto die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo ccccmo sexto apud Irenham concessa fuit licencia Petro Salteby de Lincoln' quod possit eligere aliquem capellanum idoneum secularem sive religiosum sibi in confessorem quamdiu domino placuerit.

1406/7. January 19th. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to the prior of Ware and to Lewis Greville of Drayton manor.

[1] Hurst, *op. cit.*, pp. 193, 199. [2] Marginal note; " Oratorium P. Salteby."

Item xix^{mo} die eiusdem mensis anno domini supradicto apud Wroxton' concessa fuit licencia fratri Willelmo Luberd' priori de War' alienigeno Lincoln' diocesis quod possit facere divina celebrari in quadem capella infra ipsum prioratum situata per triennium.

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit licencia Lodewico Grevell' de Drayton' Lincoln' diocesis et eius uxori quod possint facere divina celebrari in capella sive oratorio infra manerium suum de Drayton' predicta per triennium.

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1406/7. January 19th, Wroxton. Letters dimissory to Thomas Wolfe, rector of Hanwell (Hanwell'), having the first tonsure, to all orders, [B.] and licence for five years' non-residence for study. [A.]

1406. December 16th, Sleaford. Mandate to the prior of St. Mary's, Huntingdon, and the official of the archdeacon of Huntingdon to give notice of the forthcoming trial before Bishop Repingdon, in the church of Wroxton Priory, of Thomas Ward, clerk, previously convicted of robbery and murder on the king's highway between Somersham and Colne, and delivered to the bishop's custody. The constable of Banbury castle is directed to produce the accused on the appointed day. On January 19th, Thomas Ward makes his purgation, with fifteen compurgators, and is acquitted by the bishop.

Deliberacio Thome Warde. Thomas Warde cum aliis obviavit Rogero Catel' in via regia ducente a villa de Somersham versus Colne die jovis primo quadragesimo anno regni Regis Henrici quarti post conquestum quinto et felonice eum interfecit et unum pilium precii xiiij d. de predicto Rogero depredatus fuit et super hoc predictus Thomas fuit convictus et deliberatus carceri et custodie domini episcopi Lincoln' sub pena qua incumbit.

Sextodecimo die mensis Decembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} sexto apud Sleford' directa fuerunt mandata priori prioratus beate Marie Huntyngdon' ac universis et singulis rectoribus vicariis et capellanis divina celebrantibus in eadem necnon officiali archidiaconatui Huntyngdon' ad faciendum proclamaciones publicas in singulis ecclesiis dicti archidiaconatus et presertim villarum Huntyngdon' sancti Ivonis et de Somersham ac aliarum villarum et partium in quibus contra ipsum Thomam super huiusmodi crimine fama dicitur magis laborare ac alibi ubi viderint expedire coram populi multitudine diebus locis et horis ad hoc magis aptis, quod si quis sit qui velit aut valeat dictum Thomam Warde clericum super dicto crimine accusare aut alias in forma iuris prosequi contra eum, compareat coram reverendo patre domino Philippo episcopo Lincoln' vel commissariis suis in ecclesia conventuali

prioratus de Wroxton' Lincoln' diocesis die mercurii proximo post festum sancti Hillarii episcopi proximum tunc futurum si iuridicus foret, alioquin proximo die iuridico extunc sequente, pro termino precise et peremptorie quicquid sibi de iure compareret in hac parte contra dictum clericum in forma iuris propositurus et prosecuturus facturus que ulterius et recepturus quod iusticia suaderet, ac demandatum fuit constabulario castri de Bannebury quod circa dicti Thome liberacionem vel ipsius in carcerem reintrusionem faceret quod erat suum et sibi incumbebat in hac parte quo quidem die mercurii adveniente prefatus Thomas Warde coram dicto reverendo patre domino episcopo Lincoln' in ecclesia conventuali predicta pro tribunali sedente per constabularium predictum fuit personaliter presentatus, et exhibita fuerunt certificatoria mandatorum predictorum per que liquebat omnes qui dictum Thomam super huiusmodi crimine accusare aut alias contra ipsum in forma iuris prosequi vellent in genere fore citatos, quibus perlectis facte fuerunt publice proclamaciones in valvis dicte ecclesie et deinde coram domino, quod si qui essent qui contra dictum Thomam Warde aut ipsius purgacionem in hac parte quicquam obicere vel proponere voluerint ad statum comparerent obiecturi et proposituri in forma iuris. Quibus quidem proclamacione et preconizacione citatorum in genere sic factis et nullo contradictore accusatore vel prosecutore comparente, idem reverendus pater pronunciavit omnes huiusmodi contumaces et preclusit eis viam ulterius proponendi obiciendi aut accusandi, deinde dictus Thomas obtulit se purgaturus super crimine predicto et perduxit compurgatores, quorum nomina sunt hec: dominus Walterus Bredon' rector ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum Huntyngdon', dominus Nicholaus Hemyngford' magister hospitalis sancti Johannis Huntyngdon', dominus Johannes Spaldewyk' rector ecclesie sancti Benedicti Huntyngdon', dominus Johannes Almot rector ecclesie sancti Johannis Baptiste Huntyngdon', dominus Thomas Prestwold' vicarius de Brampton' dominus Willelmus Plomer' de Fenstenton' capellanus, dominus Willelmus Clampyn de Huntyngdon' capellanus, dominus Johannes Prestwold' de Somersham capellanus, Georgius Gyddyng de Huntyngdon' Johannes Dunwych' de Godmynchestr' Willelmus Wyllyngham de Raveley Willelmus Gylor de Fenstenton' Johannes Hawkyn de Huntyngdon' Walterus Julyan' de Leyghton' et Johannes Dunhed' de Catteworth', clerici. Et subsequenter facta fuit proclamacio publica in eadem ecclesia coram reverendo patre predicto, quod si qui essent qui quicquam contra compurgatores predictos obicere vel proponere vellent comparerent obiecturi et proposituri in debita forma. Nulloque oppositore aut obiectore in hac parte invento aut aliqualiter reclamante, prefatus reverendus pater obici fecit eidem Thome crimen predictum, quod idem Thomas constante negavit et super eodem cum compurgatoribus predictis legitime se purgavit. Unde idem reverendus pater eundem Thomam

legitime purgatum pronunciavit et ipsum sue bone fame quantum in ipso erat restituit per decretum. Presentibus magistris Henrici Welles Johanne Hauberk Roberto Stonham Willelmo Wylcotes Johanne Wylcotes et multis aliis.

1406/7. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to William Beck of Stonor in the parish of Pyrton, for masses in memory of Ralph Stonor (February 4th), and to Hugh Blount of Kingston in the parish of Aston Rowant (February 3rd).

Item quarto die Februarii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} sexto apud Ewelme concessa fuit licencia Willelmo Beck domicello ad faciendum divina celebrari pro anima Radulphi Stonore in capella sive oratorio infra manerium de Stonore in parochia de Piryton'.

Item tercio die eiusdem mensis anno domini supradicto eodem loco concessa fuit licencia Hugoni Blount de Kyngeston' in parochia de Aston' Rohant domicello et Margarete eius uxori quod possint facere divina celebrari per capellanum idoneum in quibuscumque locis habitacionum suarum infra diocesim Lincoln' situatis per triennium.

1406/7. January 29th, Oxford. Licence to William Barrow (Barrowe), rector of Helmdon (Helmeden'), for three years' non-residence for study. [A.]

1406/7. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to Robert Chisleden (February 10th) and Alice D'Oyly of Hambleden (November 19th).

Item decimo die mensis Februarii anno domini supradicto concessa fuit licencia Roberto Chyselden' et Anne uxori eius ac familie sue in eorum absencia quod possit facere celebrari per capellanum idoneum in capellis sive oratoriis decentis et honestis infra maneria de Horpole et de Hill' Lincoln' diocesis.

Item decimo nono die mensis Novembris anno domini supradicto apud Vetus Templum London' concessa fuit consimilis licencia Alicie Doyly matri Willelmi Doyly infra maneria sive mansiones de Pusyll' Nuport et Yuedon infra parochiam de Hamulden' etc. ut in forma consueta.

[*Folio 22*]

1406. November 20th, Old Temple. Licence to Ralph Canon, rector of Clopton by Titchmarsh (Clopton' iuxta Tychemerssh), to put his church to farm for two years. [D.]

1391. July 22nd. Indult of Boniface IX to the warden and scholars of Winchester College in the University of Oxford, founded by William, bishop of Winchester, for seventy students of theology,

law and arts, that they may receive all orders from any catholic bishop, without the licence of the diocesan.

Dimissorie scolarium collegii Wynton' in Oxon' per sedem apostolicam.[1] Bonifacius episcopus servus servorum dei dilectis filiis custodi et scolaribus collegii per venerabilem fratrem nostrum Willelmum[2] episcopum Wynton' in studio Oxon' Lincoln' diocesis instituti presentibus et futuris salutatem et apostolicam benediccionem. Exigit precipue devocionis sinceritatas quam venerabilis frater noster Willelmus episcopus Wyntonien' ad nos et Romanam gerit ecclesiam ut votis suis in hiis presertim per que quieti et utilitatibus nostris consulatur favoribiliter animamus. Exhibita siquidem nobis nuper pro parte dicti episcopi peticio continebat quod ipse olim de licencia sedis apostolice in studio Oxonien' Lincoln' diocesis ubi illud viget generale quondam domum cum una capella pro uno collegio septuaginta scolarium qui ibidem in theologia aut canonico vel civili iuribus seu in artibus studere deberent de bonis sibi a deo collatis fundari et construi fecit ac sufficienter dotavit. Necnon statuit et ordinavit quod in eodem collegio esset unus perpetuus presidens qui custos eiusdem collegii nuncuparetur et in eodem residenciam facere personalem teneretur et quod huiusmodi custodem et scolares ac nonnullus presbyteros et clericos in prefata capella in divinis deservientes in ipso collegio posuit ac eciam deputavit. Quare pro parte prefati episcopi nobis fuit humiliter supplicatum ut vobis et successoribus vestris custodibus et scolaribus eiusdem collegii qui pro tempore fuerint ut litterarum studio liberrius[3] et efficacius insistere valeatis quod a quocumque malueritis catholico episcopo graciam et communionem a sede apostolica habente ad omnes minores ac eciam sacros ordines promoveri libere et licite valeatis imperpetuum diocesanorum seu ordinariorum locorum vel aliorum quorumcumque super hoc licencia minime requisita concedere de specialis dono gracie dignaremur. Nos igitur huiusmodi supplicacionibus inclinati vobis eisdem successoribus vestris quod a quocumque malueritis catholico episcopo graciam et communionem apostolice sedis habente ad omnes minores ac eciam sacros ordines statutis tamen a iure temporibus promoveri libere et licite valeatis diocesanorum seu ordinariorum locorum vel aliorum quorumcumque super hoc licencia minime requisita constitucionibus apostolicis necnon statutis et consuetudinibus contrariis quibuscumque nequaquam obstantibus auctoritate apostolica de speciali gracia tenore presencium indulgemus. Nullo ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre concessionis infringere vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit indignaccionem omnipotentis dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum eius se noverit incursurum. Dat' Rome apud sanctum Petrum xj kalendas Augusti Pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

[1] Abstract in *Cal. Pap. Lett.*, IV, p. 391.
[2] William of Wykeham, bishop of Winchester (1367–1404). [3] *Sic.*

1406/7. January 27th. Licence for the private celebration of divine services to Henry Savage of Eynsham.

Vicesimo septimo die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} sexto apud Oseney concessa fuit licencia Henrico Savage de Eynesham Lincoln' diocesis quod possit facere divina celebrari in quocumque loco honesto et decenti infra mansum suum apud Eynesham predicta situata per triennium.

1406/7. March 8th. Notification to Bishop Repingdon of the election of Simon of Mumby as abbot of the Premonstratensian abbey of Newbo. On March 13th, the bishop confers benediction on the newly elected abbot, who makes his profession of obedience, saving his order.

Benediccio abbatis de Neubo. Frater Simon de Mumby ecclesie de Neubo ordinis Premonstraten' Lincoln' diocesis canonicus presentatus per abbatem monasterii de Neuhous ad ecclesiam de Neubo predictam tunc vacantem sub hac forma. Reverendo in Christo patri et domino domino Philippo permissione divina Lincoln' episcopo suus filius humilis et devotus frater Hugo dei paciencia abbas monasterii de Neuhous ordinis Premonstraten' omnimodam reverenciam tanto patri debitam cum honore. Dilectum nobis in Christo fratrem Simonem de Mumby ecclesie de Neubo nostri ordinis et vestre diocesis canonicum in patrem et pastorem eiusdem ecclesie tunc vacantis per fratres dicte ecclesie rite et canonice secundum nostri ordinis privilegia et instituta electum et a nobis ad quem tanquam patrem abbatem illius ecclesie auctoritate sedis apostolice ordini nostro in hac parte graciose concessa ipsius confirmacio dinoscitur pertinere prout eiusdem nostri ordinis moris est confirmatum vestre paternitati reverende tenore presencium. Presentamus eidem vestre reverende paternitati supplicantes humiliter et devote ut cum idem electus confirmatus ut premittitur ad vos venerit cum presentibus munus benediccionis vestre sibi si placeat impetiri dignemini graciose. In quorum omnium testimonium et fidem presentes litteras sigillo nostro ac sigillo venerabilis fratris nostri abbatis de Dala nostri ordinis in dictis eleccione et confirmacione nobis assidentis signatas vestre paternitati reverende duximus presentandas conservet vos altissimos ad felix regimen ecclesie sue sancte per tempora diuterna. Dat' in dicta ecclesia de Neubo octavo die mensis Marcii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} sexto. Cui idem reverendus pater episcopus Lincoln' xiij^{o} die eiusdem mensis Marcii anno domini supradicto in ecclesia prebendali de Sleford' Lincoln' diocesis intra missarum solempnia munus benediccionis impendit et recepit ab eodem professionem suam sub hac forma. Ego frater Simon de Mumby abbas monasterii de Neubo ordinis Premonstraten' Lincoln' diocesis subieccionem et reverenciam a sanctis patribus constitutam secundum regulam sancti Augustini

tibi domine episcope tuisque successoribus canonice substituendis et sancte ecclesie Lincoln' salvo ordine meo perpetuo me exhibiturum promitto et per manum propriam signo et confirmo.

1406/7. March 13th, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to Robert Pinchbeck (Pynchebek), clerk, to all orders. [B.]

1407. March 25th, Liddington. Letters dimissory to William Mitchell (Michell'), clerk, having the first tonsure, to all orders. [B.]

1407. March 30th. Licence to Thomas Aylesbury, knight, for the celebration of divine services in a private chapel or oratory.

Item penultimo die eiusdem mensis Marcii anno domini supradicto apud Lydyngton' concessa fuit licencia domino Thome Aylesbury militi et Katerine uxori sue ac eorum liberis ad faciendum divina celebrari in capella seu oratorio decenti et honesta infra loca habitacionis eorum ubicumque infra diocesim Lincoln' situata per triennium etc. ut in forma consueta.

1407. April 4th, Liddington. Licence to John Turner, chantry chaplain at the church of Kirton-in-Holland, to celebrate one anniversary on account of the poverty of his benefice, the permission to last for three years.

Memorandum quod quarto die mensis Aprilis anno domini supradicto apud Lydyngton' concessa fuit licencia domino Johanni Turnour capellano cantarie in honore beate Marie virginis in ecclesia de Kyrketon' in Holand' quod possit celebrare unum annale pro defunctis in cantaria sua per triennium propter exilitatem etc.

[*Folio 22v*]

Quarto kalendas Aprilis anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo septimo Incipit annus tercius consecracionis Reverendi in Christo patris et domini domini Philippi de Repyngdon' dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopi.

1407. May 21st, Liddington. Letters dimissory to Henry Milward (Mylward') of Pulloxhill (Pullokshill'), acolyte, to all orders. [B.]

1407. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to the abbot and monks of Bardney (May 26th), Walter Tallboys, knight, and Agnes Clement of Leake (May 23rd).

Item xxvj^{to} die Maii anno domini supradicto apud Bardeney concessa fuit licencia abbati et monachis de Bardeney quod possint

celebrare et facere celebrari missas et alia divina officia in quibuscumque capellis sive oratoriis per diocesim Lincoln' constitutis ad triennium.

Item xxiij^{mo} die dictis mense[1] et anno domini apud Steynfeld' concessa fuit consimilis licencia domino Waltero Taylboys militi Margarete uxori eius eorumque liberis et ipsorum uxoribus in forma proxima predicta quam diu domino placuerit duraturum.

Item eisdem die loco et anno domini concessa fuit licencia Agneti Clement de Leek' Johanni filio eius et Agneti eiusdem uxori quod possit facere celebrari divina in oratoriis infra mansum suum de Leek' per quinquennium duraturum.

1407. Licences to the prioress of Stainfield for the celebration of divine services in an oratory at the priory, and for the appointment of three confessors (May 28th, Stainfield), and also to put to farm certain churches appropriated to the priory (May 29th, Stixwould).

Item xxviij^{mo} die eisdem loco et anno domini concessa fuit licencia priorisse de Steynfeld' quod possit facere divina celebrari in quocumque oratorio infra prioratum suum situato quamdiu domino placuerit etc. ut in forma.

Item eisdem die loco et anno domini concessa fuit licencia eidem priorisse quod possit deputare dominos Willelmum Wykham vicarium de Quadryng Robertum vicarium de Appley et Thomam Prest capellanum sibi et conventui suo in confessores cum potestate absolvendi in omnibus casibus violenciis et iniuriis ac ceteris casibus excipi consuetis dumtaxat exceptis quamdiu domino placuerit duraturum.

Item xxix^{mo} die Maii anno domini supradicto apud Stykeswold' licenciate fuit priorisse et conventui de Steynfeld' quod possint dimittere ecclesias de Quadryng Maidenwell' Marton' Kevermund' et Wadyngworth' eis appropriatis ad firmam personis ydoneis per triennium.[2]

1407. July 29th, Eynsham. Letters dimissory to John Revell (Ryvell'), having the first tonsure, to all orders, and similar letters to John Smith (Smyth'). [B.]

1406/7. Testament of Thomas Beckingham, archdeacon of Lincoln. Dated January 25th. Proved before Bishop Repingdon at Heckington on June 5th, 1407.

Testamentum Bekyngham.[3] In die nomine amen. Die conversionis sancti Pauli anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} sexto, ego Thomas Bekyngham clericus et archidiaconus Lincoln' considerans instabiles cursus huius mundi condo testamentum meum in hunc modum.

[1] *Sic.* [2] *Infra*, p. 179; II, p. 308. [3] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 111.

In primis lego animam meam deo omnipotenti et beate Marie et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in choro ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum de Belton' iuxta summam altare ex parte boriali. Et quia scio me pluribus indebitatum volo autem omnia debita mea integraliter persolvi quibus fideliter solutis. Do et lego residuum omnium bonorum meorum executoribus meis in isto testamento nominatis ad disponendum prout illis melius visum fuerit pro salute anime mee. Huiusmodi autem testamenti fideliter implendi constituo meos executores Thomam Wyldebor' armigerum dominum Willelmum Barowe rectorem de [*Folio 23*] Helmesden' dominum Henricum Bayldon' rectorem de Gretwell' et Robertum Tawre et ordino supervisores meos dominum Thomam Hayey prebendarium de Suthwell' et magistrum Ricardum Heth' subdecanum Lincoln'. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti testamento sigillum meum apposui. Dat' die loco et anno supradictis.

Approbacio testamenti. Quinto die mensis Junii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} septimo apud Hekyngton' coram reverendo in Christo patre et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo, exhibitum fuit testamentum suprascriptum et probatum per ipsum reverendum patrem legitime et approbatum ac insinuatum et pro vero et legitimo testamento condito pronunciatum. Commissaque fuit administracio omnium bonorum dictum defunctum et eius testamentum concernencium infra diocesim Lincoln' existencium domino Henrico Bayldon' executori in eodem testamento nominato in forma iuris iurato et omnis huiusmodi in se sponte suscipienti, potestate consimilem administracionem ceteris coexecutoribus suis aliis cum illam accipere voluerint committendi et compoto administracionis eorundem eidem reverendo patri Lincoln' episcopo reservatis.

1407. June 4th, Markby (Markeby). Licence to William Binbrook (Bynbroke), rector of the mediety of St. Helen's, Theddlethorpe (Thetilthorp'), to put his church to farm for one year. [D.]

1407. July 8th, Spalding (Spaldyng). Licence to the master and scholars of King's Hall, Cambridge (aule domini Regis de Cantebrig'), to put to farm the appropriated churches of Felmersham and Grendon (Grendon'), for three years. [G.]

1407. July 31st, Wroxton. Licence to William Husee (Hosy),[1] rector of Great Bowden (magna Bouden'), to put his church to farm, for three years. [D.]

1407. Letter from the bishop of London (dated July 23rd), forwarding a mandate from Archbishop Arundel (dated July 20th)

[1] *Infra*, pp. 104, 118.

for special prayers and processions for the peace of the kingdom and the unity of the Church. Bishop Repingdon transmits the mandate to the archdeacons and promises forty days' indulgence to all who take part in the special devotions.

Mandatum archiepiscopi pro processionibus. Reverendo in Christo patri ac domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo Nicholaus[1] permissione divina London' episcopus salutem et sinceram in domino caritatem. Mandatum venerabilis in Christo patris et domini domini Thome dei gracia Cantuar' archiepiscopi tocius Anglie primatis et apostolice sedis legati nuper recepimus in hec verba. Thomas permissione divina[2] (etc.) [*to Folio 23v*]. Dat' sub sigillo nostro in manerio nostro de Hegeston' xx^{o} die mensis Julii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} septimo, et nostre translacionis anno undecimo. Cuius auctoritate mandati vobis reverendo patri cum ea qua decet reverencia firmiter iniungendo mandamus quatinus omnia et singula in mandato prelibato contenta quatenus vos civitatem et diocesim vestras aut personas earundem concernunt plenarie demandetis et faciatis effectualiter demandari. Dat' sub sigillo nostro in hospicio habitacionis nostre in parochia ecclesie sancti Clementis Dacorum extra barram novi Templi civitate nostre London' situata die xxiij mensis Julii anno domini supradicto, et nostre consecracionis primo.

Execucio episcopi Lincoln' quoad archidiaconos.

Nos vero volentes dictas litteras execucioni debite demandare ut tenemur vobis in virtute obediencie et sub pena contemptus iniungimus et mandamus quatinus ipsas litteras secundum omnem vim formam et effectum earundem exaquamini diligenter monentes et efficaciter inducentes omnes et singulos subditos nostros vestri archidiaconatus quod huiusmodi processiones modo et forma suprascriptis faciant et fieri procurent cum omni devocione qua poterint quousque aliud habueritis in mandatis continuando. Et ut ipsi subditi nostri ad premissa devocius excitentur, nos dei omnipotentis immensa misericordia beatissimeque virginis Marie matris eiusdem necnon gloriosi confessoris sancti Hugonis et aliorum sanctorum meritis et precibus confidentes omnibus et singulis vere penitenciariis contritis et confessis qui in dictis processionibus presentes fuerint sive missis[3] et oraciones pro premissis fecerint xl die indulgencie concedimus per presentes. Dat' sub sigillo nostro etc.

1407. Mandate from the bishop of London (dated November 2nd, at Gloucester) forwarding a letter from Archbishop Arundel (dated October 31st, at Gloucester), summoning the clergy to a Convocation to be held at St. Frideswide's, Oxford, on November 28th.

[1] Nicholas Bubwith, bishop of London (1406–7).
[2] As *Concilia*, III, pp. 304–5. [3] *Sic*.

MANDATUM ARCHIEPISCOPI PRO CONVOCACIONE CLERI.[1] Reverendo in Christo patri et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo salutem et sinceram in domino caritatem. Litteras reverendi in Christo patris et domini domini Thome dei gracia Cantuar' archiepiscopi tocius Anglie primatis et apostolice sedis legati ultimo die mensis Octobris proximo preterito recepimus in hec verba. Thomas permissione divina Cantuar' archiepiscopus tocius Anglie primas et apostolice sedis legatus venerabili fratri nostro domino Ricardo[2] dei gracia London' episcopo salutem et fraternam in domino caritatem. Ex iniuncto pastoralis officii debito circa quod nostra supprema versari debet intencio unicam electam et columpnam dei sanctam matrem nostram ecclesiam cathedralem sub uno baptismo et una fide in una sane doctrina a sanctis patribus tradita iuxta discrecionem a deo creditam et potestatem ab eo qui claves gerit nobis commissam cum omni diligencia preservare tenemur. Sicque sentire poterimus et ceteri poterint universi quam bonum sit et iocundum habitare fratres in unum. Sed prothdolor ! inimicus homo et antiquus sophista volens tunicam domini inconsutilem subtiliter violare cissuris in angelum lucis se transformans vicia multociens mentitur esse virtutes repericus que personas per quas simplicium animas fallere poterit sub quodam pretenso velamine sanctitatis ac preostensa equitatis statera sed ficta, per ipsas personas ad hoc per ipsum fallaciter prelectas vicia ipsa prodit in populo novo zizannia hereses et errores seminat ac sanctum et sanam doctrinam ecclesie in nostra Cantuar' provincia et universali ecclesia hactenus approbatam in dubium revocat in modo vivendi atque docendi discordias suscitat atque sub pietatis ymagine et omnia pelle angelice que conversacionis effigie gregem domini cum turbulenta et amara aqua Marach' nititur adaquare malum sub specie boni propinans in maledicto calice babilonis ex premissis igitur et aliis causis veris et legitimis nostri animi motum ad hoc ducentibus ad instantemque peticionem domini nostri Regis et aliorum procerum regni pro certis negociis statum et utilitatem ecclesie et regni Anglicane concernentibus in ipsa convocacione prelatorum et cleri seriosius exponendis cum prelatis et clero nostre Cantuar' provincie oportunum ducimus communem habere tractatum quem in universitate Oxon' ubi virorum litteratorum vigere debet sapiencia disponimus ordinandum. Quocirca fraternitati vestre committimus et mandamus quatenus omnes et singulos dicte nostre Cant' ecclesie suffraganeos infra dictam nostram Cant' provinciam constitutos et absencium huiusmodi episcoporum si qui fuerint vicarii in spiritualibus generales citetis peremptorie et per eos decanos et priores ecclesiarum cathedralium ac singulo capitula earundem, archidiaconos que

[1] There is a brief notice of this Convocation in *Concilia*, III, p. 306, where reference is made to Repingdon's Register: "Haec convocatio per mandatum archiepiscopi 28 die mensis Novembris in ecclesia convent' S. Fridiswide Oxon' celebranda summonebatur; uti testantur reg' Clifford London' et reg' Repingdon Lincoln'."

[2] Richard Clifford, bishop of London (1407–21).

abbates et priores conventus sub se habentes et alios ecclesiarum prelatos exemptos et non exemptos clerumque cuiuslibet diocesis provincie antedicte citari peremptorie et premuniri. Volumus et mandamus quod iidem episcopi electi vicarii generales decani archidiaconi abbates priores [*Folio 24*] et ceteri ecclesiarum prelati exempti et non exempti personaliter et quodlibet capitulum ecclesiarum cathedralium per unum, clerus que cuiuslibet diocesis provincie antedicte per duos sufficientes procuratores compareant coram nobis aut nostris in hac parte locum tenentibus vel commissariis si nos tunc impediri contigerit in ecclesia conventuali sancte Fredeswyde Oxon' Lincoln' diocesis vicesimo octavo die mensis Novembris proximo futuro, cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum tunc sequentem et locorum, ad tractandum de et super premissis aliis arduis et urgentibus negociis statum defensionem et utilitatem ecclesie et regni Anglicane concernentibus ipsis tunc ibidem seriosius exponendum suaque consilia et auxilia super eis impensuri et ad consenciendum hiis que ibidem ex deliberacione communi ad honorem dei et ecclesie contigerit concorditer ordinari facturique ulterius et recepturi quo[1] iustum fuerit et huiusmodi negociorum qualitas exigit et requirit. Tenore eciam presencium peremptorie vos citamus quod eisdem die et loco coram nobis vel locum nostris tenentibus aut commissariis personaliter compareatis super dictis negociis tractaturi, presens que nostrum mandatum quatenus vestras civitatem et diocesim concernit exequi per omnia faciatis. Prelatis quoque ecclesiarum exemptis non mendicantibus vestre et aliorum venerabilium fratrum nostrorum coepiscoporum dicte provincie et diocesis cuiuscumque fuerint ordinis per vos et coepiscopos vestros prout vos et unumquemque vestrum concernit volumus intimari ut prefatis die et loco absque preiudicio privilegiorum suorum in hac parte quibus per hoc derogari nolimus nobiscum intersint facturi et recepturi in premissis et ea contingentibus quod superius est expressum. Volumus insuper et mandamus quatenus intimetis seu intimari et denunciari faciatis dicte nostre provincie coepiscopis et confratribus et electis si qui sint decanis abbatibus et prioribus ac ceteris ecclesiarum prelatis supradictis quod eos a personali comparicione in huiusmodi congregacione dictis die et loco nostra auctoritate deo annuente facienda excusatos habere non intendimus ista vice nisi ex communa necessaria tunc ibidem alleganda eciam et probanda, sed eorum contumacia si qui forte absentes fuerint secundum iuris exigenciam canonice punietur et eo acrius quo in hac convocacione de fidei causis tractabitur in quo in visceribus Jesu Christi ipsos requirimus interesse. Vobis eciam supra iniungimus et mandamus quod omnibus et singulis venerabilibus fratribus nostris coepiscopis vestris vel vicariis huiusmodi iniungatis seu faciatis iniungi, quod singuli eorum singillatim de facto suo quatenus pertinet ad eosdem nos seu locum

[1] *Sic, recte* quod.

nostrum tenentem vel commisarios dictis die et loco per litteras suas patentes citatorum nomina continentes distincte certificent et aperte. Vosque pari forma nos vel nostros commissariis quatenus ad vox attinet eisdem die et loco more solito debite certificetis litteris vestris patentibus habentibus hunc tenorem. Dat' Gloucestr' ultimo die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} septimo, et nostre translacionis anno undecimo.

Verba episcopi London'. Quarum auctoritate litterarum omnia et singula in litteris predictis superius expressatis contentis vestre paternitati vestre reverende intimandum et denunciandum harum serie intimamus et eciam denunciamus, vobisque reverendo patri predicto cum ea qua decet reverencia firmiter iniungendo mandamus quatenus mandatum dicti reverendissimi patris ac omnia et singula in litteris huiusmodi plenius expressatis quatenus vos ecclesiam que vestram cathedralem ac civitatem et diocesim vestras et personas earundem concernunt iuxta vim formam et effectum earundem litterarum cum omni celeritate debite exequamini et exequi faciatis ac eidem mandato pareatis in omnibus cum effectu certificantes dictum reverendissimum patrem seu eius locum tenentem vel commissarios prout idem mandatum exigit et requirit. Dat' Gloucestr' sub sigillo nostro secundo die mensis Novembris anno domini supradicto, et nostre translacionis anno primo.

1407. August 1st, Wroxton. Licences for oratories to Richard Clopton, esquire, of Buckingham, Lewis Greville of Drayton, and William at Lee of Lee.

Item primo die Augusti anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} septimo apud Wroxton' concessa fuerunt oratoria sequentes, videlicet Ricardo Clopton' de Buckingham armigero et eius uxori per triennium, Lodowyco Grevyll' de Drayton' et Margarete eius uxori per quinquennium, Willelmo at Lee de la Lee et Elizabethe eius uxori per triennium.

Same date and place. Licence to William Husee, rector of Great Bowden, for three years' non-residence for study. [A.]

1407. December 27th, Sleaford. Licence to Thomas Souche, scholar, for the celebration of divine services in the chapel of St. Mary's Hall in the University of Oxford.

Souche or'. Item xxvij^{mo} die Decembris anno domini supradicto apud Sleford' concessa fuit Thome Souche in universitati Oxon' scolari quod possit facere celebrari divina in capella infra aulam beate Marie in universitati predicta situata per triennium.

Same date and place. Licence to the prior of St. Frideswide, Oxford, and others of the priory, to hear confessions in their appropriated parish churches or chapels.

Fredeswide Oxon' licencia audiendi confessiones. Item eisdem die loco et anno domini emanavit licencia priori prioratus sancte Fredeswide Oxon' et alii eiusdem prioratus canonicis ad audiendum confessiones singulorum parochianorum cuiuslibet ecclesie vel capelle parochialis eidem prioratui annexe vel dependentis ab eodem per triennium.

1407/8. January 3rd. Licence to John Barnack for the private celebration of divine services.

Item tercio die Januarii anno domini supradicto apud Sleford' concessa fuit licencia domino Johanni Barnak ac eius uxori quod possint facere celebrari in eorum ac liberorum et familium suorum presencia in quibuscumque capellis sive oratoriis infra maneria sive mansiones suas ubicumque in diocesi Lincoln' situatas quamdiu domino placuerit.

1407/8. January 17th. Licence to Roger Newbridge, vicar of St. Martin's, Leicester, to hear the confessions of his parishioners in reserved cases.

Item xvij^{mo} die Januarii anno domini supradicto licenciatus fuit domino Rogero Newbrugge vicario ecclesie parochialis sancti Martini Leycestr' ad audiendum confessiones parochianorum in casibus reservatis etc.

[*Folio 24^{v}*]

1407. August 1st, Wroxton. Ratification by Bishop Repingdon of an ordinance dated April 6th, 1406, providing for a weekly service at Chacombe Priory in memory of Richard de Sutton, late canon of the Newarke collegiate church at Leicester, and of his parents and brother, in accordance with the terms of his will. Provision is also made for a requiem mass each year at King's Sutton parish church on the anniversary of his death, and payments are to be made to the clergy who take part and to the poor of the town. The ordinance, which is drawn up by the prior of Chacombe, is confirmed by the dean and chapter of the Newarke collegiate church.

Ordinacio pro obitu magistri Ricardi de Sutton. Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes litteras tripartitas inspecturis, frater Edmundus prior prioratus de Chacombe ordinis sancti Augustini Lincoln' diocesis et eiusdem loci conventus salutem in domino sempiternam. Maiestatis divine inscrutabilis altitudo illorum merita condigno premio recompensat qui domus domini sic amplificant facultates ut terrena in celestia et transitoria in eterna felici

commercio transferant et commutent. Vigor quidem equitatis et ordo eciam exigit racionis quod bonorum et elimosinarum largicio munifica et devota potissime indigentibus ac eciam piis usibus applicata et impensa quatenus zelo ferinde caritatis id procedat catenus firmitatis perpetue robore muniatur et iugi ac continue memorie feliciter commendetur. Cum itaque bone memorie magister Ricardus de Sutton' defunctus nuper canonicus nove ecclesie collegiate beate Marie Leycestr' dum ad huc ageret in humanis motus visceribus pietatis de bonis sibi a deo collatis diversas pecuniarum summas non modicas et alia bona temporalia in usum et utilitatem communem prioratus prefati applicandum pro salute animarum Johannis Bedford' et Johanne uxoris eius parentum dicti magistri Ricardi necnon pro salute animarum ipsius magistri Ricardi et Willelmi Bedford' fratris sui et omnium benefactorum suorum ac cunctorum fidelium defunctorum pluries et largiflue contulerit caritative temporibus egestatis in nostri et prioratus predicti subsidium non modicum et relavamen. Nosque prefati prior et conventus super premissis et aliis beneficiis et elemosinis nobis et prioratui prefato per dominos Walterum Norton' et Ricardum Ingryth' capellanos executores testamenti predicti magistri Ricardi multipliciter impensis ex parte nostra animabus omnium predictorum aliquam recompensam spiritualem facere affectantes, habita primitus super diligenti ac matura deliberacione, de unanimi omnium nostrum et singulorum assensu et consensu ac mera spontanea et libera voluntate nostra concessimus et ordinavimus concedimusque et ordinamus per presentes, quod decetero imperpetuum temporibus duraturis per nos et successores nostros pro tempore existentes, prior vel unus canonicus dicti prioratus qualiter septimana in capitulo ibidem intitulabitur singillatim ad celebrandum missas de die septimanatim in ecclesia eiusdem prioratus specialiter pro animabus predictorum Johannis Johanne magistri Ricardi et Willelmi et eorum benefactorum ac omnium fidelium defunctorum. Et quod prior vel canonicus sic celebrans teneatur in missis predictis dicere specialem collectam, videlicet, *Omnipotens sempiterne Deus cui nunquam sine spe misericordie supplicatum* etc., cum secreto et postcommunione dicte collecte pertinentibus pro dictis animabus et eas habere nominatim in ipsius memoria inter animas benefactorum dicti prioratus et omnium fidelium Christianorum defunctorum in dictis missis per ipsum nominandas. Concedimus insuper et ordinamus quod nos dicti prior et conventus et successores nostri annuatim transmittere teneamur temporibus perpetuis penultimo die mensis Maii suppriorem et unum canonicum aut duos seniores canonicos prefati prioratus de eodem prioratu usque villam de Kyngessutton' quicum vicario et clericis parochialis ecclesie ibidem pro tempore existentibus dicent solempniter cum nota exequias mortuorum, cum ix vel iij leccionibus secundum temporis exigenciam, cum

commendacione animarum et missa de requiem in crastino, videlicet in festo sancte Petronille virginis, quo die prefatus magister Ricardus diem obitus prefatorum parentum et fratris suorum ac . . . . . .[1] dum superstes fuerat teneri ibidem annuatim ordinavit quem obitum differri voluit in crastinum vel ulterius si necesse foret causa diei dominice seu duplicis festi inibi casu fortuito contingentis. Volumus preterea concedimus et ordinamus modo et forma prescriptis pro nobis et successoribus nostris predictis, quod nos et iidem successores nostri imperpetuum teneamur de bonis communibus prioratus prefati solvere annuatim priori eiusdem prioratus vj s. et viij d. sterlingorum, et cuilibet celebranti dictas missas iij s. et iiij d. per annum in augmentacionem camere et vesture dictorum prioris et canonicorum ultra summam quam retroactis temporibus ibidem percipere consueverunt, et dictis suppriori et canonico vel duobus canonicis pro exequiis et missa de requiem antedictis ij s. per annum, et supradicto vicario sex denarios pro dictis exequiis et missa et prefatis clericis pro eisdem exequiis et pulsacione campanarum iiij d., et in distribucione pauperibus faciendum apud Kyngessutton' predicta in die obitus predicti ij s. et vj d. per annum imperpetuum per manus celararii eiusdem prioratus pro tempore existentis. Et si contingat ecclesiam parochialem de Bereford' sancti Michaelis imposterum prefato prioratui nostro appropriari et uniri prout predictus magister Ricardus dum vixit ordinavit, tunc volumus concedimus et ordinamus unanimi consensu et assensu nostro quod de fructibus et provenientibus dicte parochialis ecclesie de Bereford' post ipsius appropriacionem sic fiendam priori et quilibet canonicus prefati prioratus habeat et percipiat septimanatim imperpetuum pro qualiter septimana qua ipsum ad dictas missas intitulari contigerit xij d. argenti in augmenta communem camere et vesture suarum per manus celararii antedicti ultra summam quam ante hec tempora percipere consueverunt. Ita tamen quod extunc et non alias cesset omnino prefata augmentacio eisdem priori et canonicis per nos superius assignata et concessa. Et ad omnia et singula premissa ex parte nostra et successorum nostrorum absque fraude et dolo imperpetuum observandum [*Folio 25*] et fideliter in omnibus adimplendum. Obligamus nos et successores nostros ac prioratum nostrum prefatum in quinquaginta solidis sterlingorum solvendis domino episcopo Lincoln' qui pro tempore fuerit nomine pene, et in quinquaginta solidis sterlingorum solvendis decano et capitulo nove ecclesie collegiate beate Marie Leycestr' et eorum successoribus tociens quociens aliqua concessionum et ordinacionum predicta per nos vel successores nostros minime fuerit observata. In quorum omnium testimonium duabus partibus huius indenture tripartite penes dictum dominum episcopum et prefatos decanum et capitulum separatim remanentibus. Nos prefati prior et conventus sigillum nostrum commune fecimus

[1] Illegible.

apponi. Relique vero parti eiusdem indenture penes nos remanenti supradicti domini Walterus et Ricardus executores prefati magistri Ricardi sigilla sua apposuerunt. Dat' in domo nostra capitulari infra prioratum nostrum predictum sexto die mensis Aprilis anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexto.

Ratificacio episcopi. Et nos Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus, quia premissa omnia et singula pie sancte et salubriter statuta et ordinata fore comparimus ac nulli ex eis preiudicium generari idcirco ea omnia et singula ut perpetue firmitatis robur obtineant vocatis primitus omnibus et singulis de iure vocandis servato que iuris processu in hac parte requisito ad instantem peticionem et requisicionem dictorum prioris et conventus auctoritate nostra ordinaria et pontificali confirmamus ratificamus et approbamus per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Dat' apud Wroxton' primo die mensis Augusti anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} septimo, et nostre consecracionis anno tercio.

1407/8. January 6th, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to John Outetrede (Outrede), of Donington (Donyngton') in Holland, acolyte, to all orders. [B.]

1407/8. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to Anne Bate of Corby (January 9th), John Stretton, vicar of Croft (January 12th), Thomas Coverley of Oxford and Iffley (January 20th), and Alice Befford, prioress of Goring (January 20th).

Item ix^{mo} die Januarii anno domini et loco supradictis licenciata fuit Anne Bate de Corby Lincoln' diocesis quod possit facere celebrari divina in locis honestis infra mansum suum in Corby predicta situatis per triennium in forma communi etc.

Item xij^{mo} die Januarii anno domini et loco predictis concessa fuit licencia domino Johanni Stretton' vicario de Croft Lincoln' diocesis quod possit facere divina celebrari in capella sancte Trinitatis infra parochiam de Croft predicta situata per triennium.

Item xx^{mo} die Januarii anno domini et loco supradictis concessa fuit licencia Thome Covele et Juliane uxori sue ad faciendum celebrari divina in locis honestis infra mansa sua apud Oxon' et Zyfteley situata per triennium.

Item eisdem die loco et anno domini concessa fuit consimilis licencia domine Alicie Befford' prioresse de Goryngey in locis honestis infra prioratum suum per triennium duraturum.

Same date and place. Commission to William Barrow, rector of Sherington, William Hobull', rector of Tackley, and the vicar of Cuddesdon to grant absolution in the deaneries of Newport and Woodstock and the parish of Cuddesdon respectively, in reserved cases.

Item eisdem die loco et anno domini commissum fuit domino Willelmo Barewe rectori de Sheryngton' ad absolvendum quoscumque infra decanatum de Newport ac magistro Willelmo Hobull' rectori de Takkele infra decanatum de Wodestoke necnon domino Johanni vicario de Cudesden' infra parochiam suam tam in casibus reservatis quam diu domino placuerit.

1407. Testament of Robert Appleby of Lincoln. Dated April 1st. Proved before Bishop Repingdon at Lincoln on April 27th.

Testamentum Appulby.[1] In dei nomine amen. Ego Robertus Appulby de Lincoln' sanus et compos mentis ac bona memoria gracia altissimi constitutis primo die mensis Aprilis anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} septimo condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo omnipotenti beate Marie gloriose virgini et omnibus sanctis dei et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia sancti Benedicti Lincoln' cum in choro panno meo nomine principalis. Item lego fabrice dicte ecclesie xx s. Item Johanni Stubling capellano vj s. viij d. Item domino Thome Barn' capellano x s. Item Johanni de Welton' capellano vj s. viij d. Item Petro de Leggesby capellano x s. Item cuilibet alio capellano celebrando in eadem ecclesia xx d. Item clerico parochiali eiusdem ecclesie xx d. Item secundo clerico xij d. Item ordini fratrum minorum Lincoln' xx s. Item ordini fratrum beati Augustini xiij s. iiij d. Item ordini fratrum Carmelitarum xiij s. iiij d. Item ordini fratrum predicatorum ij marcas. Item fratri Ricardo de Schefforde v libras. Item cuilibet fratri eiusdem conventus xij d. Item fabrice ecclesie de Appulby xiij s. iiij d. Item fabrice ecclesie sancte Marie in Wykford' vj s. viij d. Item fabrice monasterii Lincoln' vj s. viij d. Item monialibus domus sancti Leonardi iuxta Grymesby v marcas. Item monialibus de Rockholm'[2] xl d. Item lego gilde clericorum Lincoln' xl s. Ita quod cantent annuatim durante dicta gilda quando recitabunt nomen meum inter nomina defunctorum hanc antiphonam *Alma redemptoris mater* in honore gloriose virginis et genitricis dei Marie. Item lego cuilibet clerico parochiali eiusdem gilde ad exequias meas existendo vj d. Item lego Alicie atte Barr'[3] amice mee c libras. Item Galfrido servienti meo xx marcas pro pecunia quam debeo ei et legacione mea. Item Johanni Bagot xx s. Item uxori Johannis Drapour de Appulby xx s. Item Ricardo Bagot vj marcas. Item uxori sue vj s. viij d. Item Johanni filio suo vj s. viij d. Item Willelmo Smyth' de Alkbarowe xx s. et unam togam. Item Johanni Slotylmaker' de Brusses vj s. viij d. Item Cays van Hardyng de sancta Trudone xx s. Item Willelmo Leawte

[1] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 107.

[2] *Sic.* Probably the Gilbertine priory of Newstead-on-Ancholme (isle of Rucholme, in Cadney parish, Lincolnshire). See A. Hamilton Thompson, *Visitations of Religious Houses in the Diocese of Lincoln*, I, p. 167.

[3] *Sic. Infra*, Alicie atte Carr'.

xl marcas. Item Alicie Bagot de Stanton vj s. viij d. Item Willelmo at ye Kyrkestile xx marcas. Item Willelmo Langtofte xx marcas. Item Nicholao de Appulby canonico vj s. viij d. Item Willelmo Torkesey vj s. viij d. Item Johanni de Besthorp' vj s. viij d. Item Willelmo Plasterere xl d. Item Agneti de [*Folio 25v*] Brampton' xiij s. iiij d. Item Willelmo de Kyrkeby xx marcas. Item Ricardo de Barnaby x marcas. Item Gilberto Foster xx s. Item Johanni de Thornton' iiij marcas. Item Ivoni Pakker ij marcas. Item Nicholao Pakker ij marcas. Item Christiane servienti mee vj s. viij d. Item Roberto Wikam apprenticio meo xx s. Item Ricardo Kyrkestyle apprenticio meo xx s. Item Johanne servienti mee xx s. Item Felicie servienti mee vj s. viij d. Item Margarete de Croxton' xx s. Item Alicie de Claypole xij d. Item parve Margarete ij s. Item parve Alicie ij s. Item lego vicario de Appulby unam peciam argenteam ad voluntatem uxoris mee. Item Willelmo Kyrkeby unam peciam argenteam. Item Petro Priour vj s. viij d. Item Willelmo Plumer' vj s. viij d. Item Johanni Ryle x marcas. Item Johanni de Bayn' vj s. viij d. Item Johanni de Rasyn vj s. viij d. Item gilde alutariorum Lincoln' v marcas ad emendum unam pipam vini ut bibatur ad primum convivium eorum post decessum meum. Item Ricardo Colvill' vj s. viij d. Item Johanni Peke sergeant et uxori sue xiij s. iiij d. Item fratri Thome Tatyrsale x s. Item Thome Colier vj s. viij d. Item do Alicie atte Carr'[1] amice mee omnia illa messuagia mea cum pertinenciis suis in parochia sancti Petri ad arcus que nuper fuerunt Johannis de Wykford' habendum et tenendum predicta messuagia cum pertinenciis suis predictis Alicie atte Carr' heredibus et assignatis suis ad terminum vite sue. Item lego Johanni[2] uxori mee omnia terras crofta tenementa et messuagia mea que habeo in civitate et suburbio Lincoln' una cum molendino ventricio cum pertinenciis suis ad totum terminum vite sue excepto uno crofto cum duobus stagnis que dedi Willelmo Kyrkby heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum et exceptis illis messuagiis cum pertinenciis suis in parochia sancti Petri ad arcus que dedi predicte Alicie atte Carr' amice mee. Item lego predicto Willelmo Kyrkby ad terminum vite sue post decessum prefati Johanne uxoris mee totum illud messuagium cum pertinenciis in parochia sancti Petri in Wykford' quod habui ex dono et feoffamento Isabelle quondam uxoris Hugonis Lucas una cum uno crofto adiacente predicto messuagio quod habui ex dono et feoffamento Margarete relicte Radulphi de Scremby. Item lego predicto Willelmo de Kyrkeby ad terminum vite sue post decessum predicte Johanne uxoris mee totum illud messuagium cum pertinenciis in quo Henricus de Humberston' inhabitat. Item lego Willelmo atte Kyrkstile ad terminum vite sue post decessum antedicte Johanne uxoris mee et decessum Cecilie de Fullek illam placeam cum pertinenciis in qua predicta Cecilia inhabitat una cum gardino et stagno predicte

[1] *Sic. Supra,* Alicie atte Barr'. [2] *Sic, recte* Johanne.

placie pertinentibus. Item lego Ricardo Barnaby ad terminum vite sue post decessum predicte Johanne uxoris mee capitale messuagium meum in parochia sancti Laurencii una cum opella que vocabatur la Alhows. Item do et lego Roberto de Ratheby et Alicie uxori sue sorori mee post decessum antedicte Johanne uxoris mee omnia predictas terras et tenementa crofta et molendinum cum pertinenciis suis omnibus una cum reversione omnium legatorum ad terminum vite habendum et tenendum predictis Roberto de Ratheby et Alicie uxori sue et heredibus de corpore predicte Alicie legitime exeuntibus imperpetuum de capitalibus dominis feodorum illorumque servicia ex illis debita et de iure consueta. Et si dicta Alicia obierit sine herede de corpore suo exeunte, tunc volo quod predicta terre et tenementa crofta ac molendinum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis una cum reversione omnium legatorum ad terminum vite ut predictum est remaneant Ricardo Bagot et Johanni filio suo et heredibus de corporibus eorum legitime procreatis imperpetuum de capitalibus dominis feodorum illorum pro servicia ex illis debitis et de iure consueta. Et si predictus Ricardus Bagot et Johannes filius eius obierint sine heredibus de corporibus eorum legitime procreatis, tunc volo quod predicta omnia terre et tenementa crofta et molendinum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis vendantur per executores meos vel eorum executores et disponantur pro salute anime mee et animarum Johanne et Alicie uxorum mearum et animarum omnium fidelium. Item lego Johanne uxori mee predicte dimidiam partem omnium bonorum meorum pro parte sua omnibus debitis nostris et expensis exequiarum mearum primitus persolutis. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum do executoribus meis ut ipsi disponant pro salute anime mee sicut eis melius videbitur expedire. Huius autem testamenti mei fideliter exequendum hos constituo executores meos, videlicet, Johannam uxorem meam predictam Willelmum Leawte Robertum de Ratheby Willelmum de Kyrkby et Willelmum atte Kyrkstile. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum apposui. Dat' apud Lincoln' die et anno supradictis.

Probacio eiusdem. Admissis probacionibus super faccione presentis testamenti per nos Philippum permissione divina Lincoln' episcopum quia invenimus huiusmodi testamentum rite factum et legitime conditum fuisse et esse, ipsum testamentum approbavimus et insinuavimus, administracionem que bonorum eiusdem testamenti Johanne uxori nuper dicti defuncti Willelmo Leawte Roberto Rathby et Willelmo atte Kirkstile executoribus in eodem nominatis et in forma iuris iuratis plenarie commisimus, et dedimus auctoritate nostra ordinaria potestatem consimilem administracionem Willelmo Kyrkeby alteri eorum executori cum eam recipere voluerit committendi, dilecto clerico nostro Roberto Scarle tenore presencium committimus vices nostras exigendum vero calculum administracionis dictorum executorum in bonis antedictis una cum fideli

[*Folio 26*] inventario eorundem potestatem nobis in posterum specialiter reservantes. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Dat' Lincoln' xxvij die mensis Aprilis anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} septimo, et nostre consecracionis anno tercio.

1407. December 16th, Luddington (Ludyngton'). Letters dimissory to John Buckingham (Buckyngham), clerk, to all orders. [B.]

1407. December 20th. Licence for the private celebration of divine services to Robert and John Temple, of Temple manor.

Item xx^{mo} die mensis Decembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} vij^{mo} apud Sleford' concessa fuit licencia Roberto Tempul et Johanni fratri eius ad faciendum celebrari divina infra manerium de Tempul per triennium.

1407/8. January 1st, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to William Lealman (Lealman') to all orders. [B.]

1407/8. February 9th, Sleaford. Licence to Thomas Byrd (Bryd'), rector of St. Peter's, Great Berkhampstead (Berkhamstede magna), for three years' non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause " Cum ex eo ". [C.]

1407/8. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to Ralph Withingdon of West Wycombe (February 12th), John Sutton and Bernard Missenden (February 12th), and George Brumby of Watford (February 11th).

Item xij^{o} die Februarii loco et anno domini supradictis licenciatum fuit Radulpho Wythyngdon' et Cecilie eius uxori ad faciendum celebrari infra mansum eorum in parochia de West Wycombe Lincoln' diocesis situata per triennium.

Item die loco et anno domini supradictis licenciatum fuit Johanni Sutton' et Johanne uxori eius ac Bernardo Missenden' et Isabelle uxori eius quod possint facere divina celebrari infra eorum mansa ubicumque infra diocesim per triennium.

Item xj^{mo} die Februarii loco et anno domini supradictis concessa fuit licencia Georgio Brunneby de Watford' et eius uxori ac eorum liberis quod possint facere divina celebrari in quocumque loco decenti et honesto infra mansum suum de Watford' pro se et familia sua per triennium.

1407/8. February 11th, Sleaford. Licence to Robert Rolleston (Rolleston'), clerk, rector of St. Mary's, Mablethorpe (Malberthorp'), for three years' non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause " Cum ex eo ". [C.]

1407/8. February 22nd, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to Roger Radcliffe (Radeclyffe), rector of Syresham (Siresham), and to Thomas Moston, rector of Aston Flamville (Aston Flamvyle), to all orders. [B.]

Same date and place. Licence to Thomas Moston, rector of Aston Flamville, for three years' non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause " Cum ex eo ". [C.]

1407/8. February 26th. Licence for the private celebration of divine services to Margaret Shaw and to John and Sarah Shaw of Oxford.

Item xxvj^{mo} die Februarii loco et anno domini supradictis licenciatum fuit Margarete Shawe de Oxon' ac Johanni Shawe et Sarre eius uxori de Oxon' predicta quod possint facere divina celebrari infra eorum mansum apud Oxon' per triennium.

1407/8. February 29th, Sleaford. Commission to John Deeping, sequestrator in the archdeaconry of Northampton, to appoint a chaplain in each deanery to hear confessions and give absolution in reserved cases.

Depyng' ad eligendum confessores. Item ultimo die mensis Februarii loco et anno domini predictis commissum fuit domino Johanni Depyng in archidiaconatu Northampton' sequestratori ad faciendum eligi in singulis decanatibus dicti archidiaconatus unum capellanum secularem discretum ydoneum et honestum qui possint absolvere quoscumque domini subditos etc. et penitencias iniungere etc. eciam in casibus de iure etc. casibus consuetis reservatis quamdiu domino placuerit cum clausula certificandi de nominibus electorum citra dominicam in Passis proximam iam futuram.

Same date and place. Commission to John Deeping, sequestrator, to sequestrate the rents of Brigstock vicarage during the absence of the vicar, and to appoint a chaplain at an agreed salary to serve the cure of souls.

Item eisdem die loco et anno domini commissum fuit eidem domino Johanni sequestratori ad sequestrandum colligendum exigendum levandum et recipiendum omnes fructus redditus et proventus ac obvenciones ad vicariam de Brygstoke Lincoln' diocesis pertinentes et eos salvo custodiendum domino Waltero Grenham vicario ibidem absente et ad faciendum deserviri cure ibidem per capellanum ydoneum et ministrandum eidem capellano salarium constitutum quamdiu domino placuerit cum clausula ad reddendum racionem de perceptis cum exactus fuerit.

[*Folio 26v*]

1407/8. February 29th. Licence to William Frankyssh, rector of Great Crawley, to celebrate divine services in his rectory, for three years.

Item ultimo die mensis Februarii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} vij^{mo} apud Sleford' concessa fuit licencia Willelmo Frankyssh' rectori ecclesie de Crawle magna quod possit facere celebrari divina infra rectoriam suam per triennium.

1407/8. March 1st, Sleaford. Commission to William Hull, sequestrator in the Parts of Lindsey and the deanery of Holland, to appoint one or more suitable chaplains in each deanery as penitentiaries.

Lyndesey et decanatu Holand' penitenciarios deputandum. Item primo die mensis Marcii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} vij^{mo} apud Sleford' commissum fuit magistro Willelmo Hull' in partibus de Lyndesey et decanatu Holand' sequestratori ad deputandum in singulis decanatibus unum vel plures capellanos seculares et ydoneos iuxta cuiuslibet decanatus amplitudinem in penitenciarios, quibus sic electis commissa est potestatas absolvendi et iniungendi penitencias eciam in casibus reservatis, casibus consuetis exceptis quamdiu domino placuerit cum clausula certificandi cum nominibus deputatorum citra dominicam in Passis domini.

Same date and place. Commission to John Strensale, rector of Boston, and his parochial chaplains to grant absolution to their parishioners in reserved cases, with the usual exceptions.

Rectori de Boston' licencia absolvendi. Item eisdem die loco et anno domini concessa fuit potestas magistro Johanni Strensale rectori de Boston' eiusque capellanis parochialibus ad absolvendum et iniungendum penitencias parochianis suis eciam in casibus reservatis consuetis exceptis quamdiu domino placuerit.

Same date and place. Similar licence to William Hull, vicar of Spalding, and his chaplains.

Vicario de Spaldyng licencia consimilis. Item eisdem die loco et anno domini concessa fuit consimilis licencia magistro Willelmo Hull' vicario de Spaldyng et eius capellanis parochialibus pro parochianis suis quamdiu domino placuerit.

Same date and place. Licence to John, a Franciscan friar from Cologne, to give absolution to his fellow-countrymen in Boston in reserved cases, with the usual exceptions.

Fratri minori de Boston' consimilis licencia. Item eisdem die loco et anno domini concessa fuit licencia fratri Johanni de antiquo foro civitatis Colonie ordinis fratrum minorum quod possit absolvere quoscumque teutonicos compatriotas suos religiosos seu seculares ad villam de Boston' confluentes seu in eadem commorantes in casibus reservatis casibus consuetis exceptis quamdiu domino placuerit.

1407. Testament of William de Wathe of Humberstone. Dated April 4th. Proved at Sleaford on March 6th, 1407/8.

Testamentum Willelmi Wathe de Humberstane.[1] In dei nomine amen. Die sancti Ambrosii confessoris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} vij^{mo}, ego Willelmus de Wath' de Humberstane compos mentis condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis commendo animam meam deo omnipotenti beate Marie et omnibus sanctis eius corpusque meum sepepeliendum[2] in ecclesia sancti Petri de Humberstane predicta cum optimo animali meo nomine mortuarii mei. Item lego fabrice matricis ecclesie Lincoln' xij d. Item lego fabrice ecclesie de Humberstane predicta si ibidem fuero sepultus vj s. viij d. Item lego ecclesie sancti Jacobi de Grymesby xij d. Item lego summo altari beate Marie de Humberstane xij d. Item lego Johanni de Barowe capellano de Grymesby ut oret pro me et pro Willelmo avunculo meo per spacium duorum annorum vj marcas. Item lego Johanni patri meo et Agneti uxori eius matri mee ad solvendum debita eorundem v marcas. Item lego Alicie sorori mee ad maritagium suum xx s. vel valorem. Item lego vicario ecclesie sancti Petri de Humberstane vj s. viij d. Item lego Agneti de Wathe de Grymesby xx s. et unum lectum de wurstede improwded cum meremaydens cum uno pari bedes de corall'. Item lego Roberto filio predicte Agnete unum baslardum cum rubia vagina. Residuum omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum voluntate mea completa do et lego Alicie uxori mee. Huiusmodi autem testamenti mei tales ordino et constituo executores meos, videlicet, Aliciam predictam Johannem patrem meum cum adiutorio Johannis de Barowe capellani de Grymesby ut in omnibus meam ultimam voluntatem perfecte impleant prout viderint coram deo respondere. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum autenticum huic presenti testamento meo apponi procuravi. Dat' apud Humberstane die et anno supradictis.

Probacio eiusdem. Memorandum quod sexto die mensis Marcii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} vij^{mo} apud Sleford' probatum approbatum et insinuatum fuit presens testamentum et pro vero testamento pronunciatum, commissumque fuit administracio cum bonorum dictum defunctum aut presens eius testamentum concernencium executrice in eodem testamento nominate in forma

[1] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 144. [2] *Sic, recte* sepeliendum.

iuris iurate, potestate committendi consimilem administracionem alii coexecutori suo cum eam admittere voluerit ac calculo et raciocinio administracionis sue huiusmodi specialiter reservatis.

1407/8. March 20th, Sleaford. Licence to Hugh Roos, clerk, rector of Branston (Braunston'), for one year's non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause "Cum ex eo." [C.]

1407/8. March 21st, Sleaford. Licence to Thomas Scarborough (Scarburgh'), rector of Moorby (Moreby), to put his church to farm, for two years. [D.]

1408. March 26th. Licence for the private celebration of divine services to Thomas Holme of Strekyngton',[1] anywhere in the diocese.

Item xxvj° die mensis Marcii anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ octavo apud Sleford' licenciatum fuit Thome Holme de Strekyngton' et Beatrici uxori sue quod possint facere celebrari divina ubicumque infra diocesim quam diu domino placuerit.

1408. March 28th, Sleaford. Commission to Robert Hudessale, rector of Little Berkhamstead, to sequestrate the fruits of Hawridge parish church and to provide for the cure of souls during the absence of the rector.

Hudessale ad exigendum et recipiendum fructus ecclesie de Hauryge. Memorandum quod xxviij^mo^ die mensis Marcii loco et anno domini proximis supradictis commissum fuit magistro Roberto Hudessale rectori ecclesie de Berkhamstede parva ad sequestrandum colligendum recipiendum et conservandum omnes et singulos fructus redditus et proventus ecclesie parochialis de Hauryge Lincoln' ac ad faciendum deserviri eidem ecclesie ac parochianis eiusdem in divinis officiis pro tempore absencie domini Willelmi Bolton' rectoris eiusdem et ad ministrandum dicto capellano de stipendio etc. litteris huiusmodi quamdiu domino placuerit duraturis.

Same date and place. Licence for an oratory to John Brookman.

Item eisdem die loco et anno domini emanavit licencia Johanni Brokeman eiusque uxori ac liberis eorundem, quod possint facere celebrari divina in quibuscumque oratoriis infra nostram diocesim situatis per triennium.

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[1] Unidentified. Possibly Scredington ?

[*Folio 27*]

QUARTO KALENDAS APRILIS ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUARTUS QUADRINGENTESIMO OCTAVO INCIPIT ANNUS QUARTUS CONSECRACIONIS REVERENDI IN CHRISTO PATRIS ET DOMINI DOMINI PHILIPPI DE REPYNGDON' DEI GRACIA LINCOLNIEN' EPISCOPI.

1408. March 29th, Sleaford. Licence to John Martin (Martyn), rector of Aylesby (Alesby), to put his church to farm for one year. [D.] " personis ydoneis ".

Same date and place. Licence to William Spicer, rector of St. Aldate's, Oxford, to grant absolution within the deanery of the Christianity of Oxford in reserved cases, with the usual exceptions.

Item eisdem die loco et anno domini concessa fuit licencia domino Willelmo Spycer' rectori ecclesie sancti Aldati Oxon' quod possit absolvere quoscumque decanatus Christianitatis Oxon' etc. eciam in casibus reservatis casibus consuetis exceptis quamdiu placuerit.

1408. April 1st, Holbeach. Letters dimissory to Alan Street (Strette) of Peterborough, to all orders. [B.]

1408. April 2nd. Licence for an oratory to John Henny of Fosdyke.

Item secundo die mensis Aprilis anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} octavo licenciatum fuit Johanni Heney de Fosdyk' et Beatrici eius uxori quod possint facere celebrari divina in oratorio infra mansum suum apud Fosdyk' situata per triennium.

1407/8. Testament of Albinus de Enderby. Dated February 22nd. Proved before Bishop Repingdon at Boston on April 10th, 1408.

TESTAMENTUM ALBINI DE ENDERBY.[1] In dei nomine amen. Ego Albinus de Enderby hunc mundum reliquere et ad summum creatorem meum gracia sua mediante pervenire intendens condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam ipsi creatori meo perpetualiter ibidem commoranti cum beata Maria virgine advocata mea et cum omnibus sanctis dei et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia sancte Margarete de Enderby cum meliori animali meo nomine mortuarii rectori eiusdem ecclesie offerendum sicut moris est. Item lego summo altari ecclesie cathedralis beate Marie Lincoln' xx s. Item lego fratribus minoribus de sancto Botulpho in casu quod voluerint obligari iuxta disposicionem executorum meorum ad celebrandum annuatim obitum meum die anniversarii imperpetuum xx marcas quod si noluerint quod extunc dicta pecunia expendatur in pios usus secundum disposicionem

[1] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 120.

dictorum executorum meorum pro anima mea. Item volo quod abbas et conventus de Revesby habeant xxv marcas sub eadem condiccione et quod prior et conventus de Markesby habeant decem libras sub eadem condiccione. Et quod sancte moniales cuiuslibet domus ordinis de Sempryngham in comitatu Lincoln' habeant sex solidos et viij d. Item lego Willelmo filio meo cc oves duos lectos unum ciphum argenteum cum coopertorio xij coclearios argenteos et unam duodenam de peutervessell'. Item volo quod Willelmus filius Thome filii mei habeat tenementa mea in Horncastre. Item volo quod Rogerus servus meus habeat ad terminum vite sue mesuagium meum in Ormesby in quo Elena Clerk' modo manet. Item lego Thome filio meo residuum omnium bonorum meorum. Item volo quod idem Thomas habeat omnia terras et tenementa mea. Huiusmodi autem testamenti mei constituo et ordino executores meos Thomam et Willelmum filios meos ut ipsa dicta testamentum et voluntatem in omnibus fideliter exequantur per consilium auxilium et supervisorem dilecti socii mei Willelmo Mychell'. Conditum est presens testamentum apud Enderby die mercurii in cathedra sancti Petri anno gracie millesimo quadringentesimo septimo.

Probacio eiusdem. Die decima mensis Aprilis anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} octavo apud sanctum Botulphum probatum fuit presens testamentum approbatum et insinuatum coram reverendo in Christo patre et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo [*Folio 27*^{v}] hec administracio omnium bonorum dictum testamentum concernencium Thome filio dicti defuncti executori in dicto testamento nominato in forma iuris iurato commissa fuit in forma, potestate alio coexecutore suo consimilem administracionem committendi ac compoto administracionis in hac parte reddendo dicto domino episcopo reservatis etc.

1408. April 10th, Sleaford. Licence to Stephen Brackley (Brackele), rector of Ayot St. Lawrence (Ayot Laurence), subdeacon, for one year's non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause "Cum ex eo", [C.] and letters dimissory to all orders. [B.]

1408. April 26th, Sleaford. Licence to William Husee (Huse), rector of Great Bowden (magna Bouden'), to let his church to farm to John Finch (Fynche), chaplain, for three years. [D.]

1408. April 28th, Sleaford. Licence to John Hoare, rector of St. Michael's, Northampton, to celebrate one anniversary on account of the poverty of his benefice, the permission to last for two years.

Item xxviij^{mo} die Aprilis dictis loco et anno domini licenciatum fuit domino Johanni Hore rectori ecclesie parochialis sancti Michaelis

Northampton' Lincoln' diocesis quod possit celebrare unum annale pro defunctis per biennium propter exilitatem beneficii sui.

Same date and place. Licence for the private celebration of divine services to John Trigg of Northampton.

Eisdem die loco et anno licenciatum fuit Johanni Tryge de Northampton' et Johanne eius uxori quod possint facere celebrari divina in loco honesto infra mansum suum de Northampton' predicta per triennium.

Same date and place. Letters dimissory to the abbot of Eynsham (Eynesham) for William Heyford (Heyford'), William Somerford (Somerford'), Thomas Selwood (Selwode) and John Quenington (Quenenton'), to all orders. [F.]

1408. May 17th, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to the abbot of Rewley (Regalis locus) for John Oxenford (Oxenford') and John Witney (Wytteney), to all orders. [F.]

Same date and place. Licence to William Greetwell, rector of Scotter, to choose a secular chaplain as his confessor.

Greetwell' ad eligendum confessorem. Eisdem die loco et anno domini concessa fuit licencia domino Willelmo Gretewell' rectori ecclesie parochialis de Scotyr Lincoln' diocesis quod possit eligere sibi aliquem capellanum secularem dumtaxat in confessorem in casibus episcopo reservatis violenciis et iniuriis etc. reservatis quamdiu domino placuerit.

Same date and place. Similar licence to Roger Hawksey, rector of Sefton in the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield, for the duration of his stay in Lincoln diocese, and permission for the private celebration of divine services.

Eisdem die loco et anno domini concessa fuit consimilis licencia domino Rogero Haukesey rectori ecclesie parochialis de Sefton' Coven' et Lich' diocesis pro tempore more sue infra diocesim Lincoln' et quod possit celebrare et facere celebrari divina officia per capellanos ydoneos in quibuscumque capellis sive oratoriis per dictam diocesim Lincoln' quamdiu domino placuerit.

1408. Testament of John de Copildik, knight. Dated April 8th, Harrington. Proved before Bishop Repingdon at Sleaford on May 3rd. The will is followed by a protestation by John de Copildik, priest, son and heir of the testator, that he will observe and carry out its terms.

Testamentum domini Johannis Copuldyk.[1] In die nomine amen. Die dominica in festo in Ramis palmarum anno domini millesimo cccc^mo octavo, ego Johannes de Copuldyk miles compos mentis et sane memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo et beate Marie et omnibus sanctis suis et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in cancello ecclesie de Harryngton' opposito pedes ymaginis beate Marie ad borialem finem magni altaris dicti cancelli, optimo equo meo cum cella et pertinenciis suis nomine principalis. Item lego fabrice ecclesie mee cathedralis matricis Lincoln' meliorem ouche de auro. Item lego fabrice ecclesie de Harryngton' immediate post persolucionem debitorum et restitucionem meorum factorum xl s. Item lego fabrice ecclesie de Assewardeby immediate post persolucionem debitorum et restitucionem factorum xx s. Item lego Johanni filio meo et heredi unum ciphum argenteum et coopertum vocatum Charite. Ita quod predictus ciphus post decessum prefati Johannis filii mei remaneat Willelmo fratri suo et heredibus ipsius Willelmi, et sic de bonorum et catallorum meorum do et lego Margerie uxori mee Johanni filio meo et heredibus Johanni de Meres de Kyrketon' in Holand' Johanni Kighley de Salmonby et Roberto Wyllingham servienti meo, quos facio et ordino executores meos, ut ipsi deum pro oculis habentes istud testamentum ac meam voluntatem effectualiter exequantur, et ut ordinent et disponant pro me et pro anima mea honesto modo absque pompa mundiali et pro animabus quibus teneor sine sumpuosis funeralibus expensis prout eis melius videatur expedire. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus apposui. Dat' apud Harryngton' die festo et anno domini supradictis.

Codicellum eiusdem. Hec est voluntas dicti Johannis de Copuldyke militis facta apud Harryngton' die dominica in festo in Ramis palmarum anno regni Regis Henrici quarti nono. In primis vult quod omnia et singula debita et legata sua integre solvantur per executores suos de omnibus bonis et catallis suis mortuis et vivis et de exitibus et proficuis omnium terrarum et tenementorum suorum cum reversionibus in comitatu Lincoln' per meliorem ordinacionem suorum executorum. Item vult quod Margeria uxor sua fideliter de dotata de omnibus terris et tenementis suis in feoffamento suo contentis tam in comitatibus Northf' et Suff' quam in comitatu Lincoln'. Item vult quod omnia maneria terre et tenementa sua in feodo talliato in comitatu Lincoln' integraliter post complecionem huius voluntatis remaneant domino Johanni filio suo et heredibus, et quod in medio tempore donec ista voluntas perimpleatur, quod ipse dominus Johannes filius suus et heres [*Folio 28*] habeat ad suam sustentacionem et ad sustentacionem Ricardi fratris sui certa terras et tenementa in feodo talliato ad valorem xl marcarum per annum. Ita quod ipse Ricardus honeste inveniatur ad totam vitam suam

[1] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 114.

predictum dominum Johannem fratrem suum et hec per sufficientem securitatem faciendum per meliorem ordinacionem executorem et feoffatorum suorum. Item vult quod antequam predictus dominus Johannes filius suus et heres habeat deliberacionem de residuo terrarum et tenementorum suorum ultra xl marcas in valore, ut predictum est, quod faciat securitatem pro vita sua feoffatis et executoribus suis ad inveniendum quemdam capellanum annuatim divina celebraturum in ecclesia de Harryngton' pro anima sua Alicie uxoris sue et pro animabus antecessorum suorum defunctorum, et quod Willelmus frater suus similiter et eadem forma pro se ipso talem securitatem faciat, quod si ipse Willelmus predictum dominum Johannem fratrem suum supervixit de habendo capellanum annuatim divina celebraturum in ecclesia de Harryngton', ut predictum est, ad totam vitam ipsius Willelmi pro animabus predictis. Item pro omnibus vult quod omnia et singula terre et tenementa sua in Hagwurthyngham, cum prato vocato Igneys et molendino aquatico de Stobwath' similiter et unum mesuagium cum pertinenciis suis in Draxthorp' et redditus xvj s. et viij d. cum serviciis eiusdem exeuntibus de diversis tenementis in Thorp' iuxta Scendylby ac manerium de Copuldyk' cum suis pertinenciis in Frampton', et omnia terre et tenementa in Scirbek' Cunyngisby cum Deynboth' Daldyrby Stykeney Swaby et tenementa vocata Philipotland in Harryngton' et Asewardeby, ac omnia alia terre et tenementa sua in feodo simplici in comitatu Lincoln', per executores suos vendantur in parte vel in toto cum necesse fuerit ad perficiendum totaliter et in omnibus voluntatem istam. Si predictus dominus Johannes filius suus et heres pro parte sua et Willelmus filius suus de parte sua ut pro reversione post mortem domini Johannis fratris sui de tenementis predictis per ordinacionem executorum suorum debite et restitucionem persolvere et voluntatem istam integre perimplere recusent, aut de omnibus exitibus maneriorum terrarum et tenementorum predictorum prefatos executores et feoffatos dictam voluntatem perficere et perimplere impediant aut quovismodo resistant, et si Willelmus filius suus de parte sua recuset pro reversione predictorum tenementorum in feodo simplici post mortem domini Johannis fratris sui predicti contribuere ad performandum istam voluntatem, quod tunc predictus dominus Johannes filius suus et heres habeat omnia predicta maneria terre et tenementa in Hagwurthyngham Draxthorp' Thorp' Copuldyk' Frampton' Scyrbek' Conyngisby Daldyrby Stykeney Swaby et Philipotland' in Harryngton' et Aswardeby in feodo simplici sibi heredibus et assignatis suis ad faciendum liberam voluntatem suam. Si ipse dominus Johannes filius et heres voluntatem istam in omnibus et singulis et partibus eiusdem ut supradictum est perimplere voluerit aut libere et sponte promittat dictos executores et feoffatos istam voluntatem perimplere et in omnibus perficere de exitibus terrarum et tenementorum tam in feodo talliato quam in feodo simplici sibi spectantis post dictam

voluntatem completam absque impedimento aliquali et dicti executores sui ullo modo impediantur per predictum dominum Johannem filium et heredem vel per Willelmum fratrem suum ad performandum istam voluntatem, tunc omnia maneria terre et tenementa predicta in Hagwurthyngham Draxthorp' Thorp' Copuldyke Frampton' Scrybek' Coningsby Daldyrby Stykeney Swaby et Philipotland' in Harryngton' et Aswardeby ut predictum est per executores defuncti vendantur et denarii inde ad performacionem eius voluntatis expendantur per meliorem disposicionem dictorum executorum suorum. Item vult et requirit feoffatos suos quod immediate post mortem suam permittant executores suos percipere et levare de omnibus maneriis terris et tenementis suis in comitatu Lincoln' exitus et proficua quousque de eisdem levare possint talem summam argenti quod ista voluntas plenarie et in omnibus perimpleatur, et eciam requirit predictos feoffatos suos quod quandocumque executores sui vendere et alienare voluerint aliqua terra et tenementa in feodo simplici predicto ad performandum voluntatem istam, quod extunc faciant statum secundum disposicionem dictorum executorum suorum. Item vult quod immediate post mortem suam quod dominus Johannes filius suus et heres faciat statum et relaxionem Willelmo fratri suo de annuali redditu in Watton' eidem domino Johanni filio et heredi nuper concessa ad sustentacionem suam antequam ipse dominus Johannes filius et heres habeat aliquam liberacionem terrarum sive tenementorum in comitatu Lincoln'. Item vult quod quo ad concordiam nuper factam cum domino Johanne Constable et domina Matilda uxore eius de quibusdam terris et tenementis in comitatu Lincoln' quod exinde immediate post mortem suam per feoffatos et executores suos ordinetur, ut ipse qui tenementa habebit persolvat annualem redditum predicte domine Matilde ad totam vitam suam concessam in exoneracionem omnium aliorum terrarum et tenementorum, et hoc per sufficientem securitatem faciendum. Item vult quod habeat quendam hominem conductum ad eundem peregrinacionem usque Jerusalem pro anima sua et in veniam delictorum suorum, si ipse in propria persona sua illam peregrinacionem suam infra vitam suam performare non poterit. Item vult quod Anna filia sua habeat de exitibus terrarum et tenementorum suorum ad maritagium suum per disposicionem executorum suorum xl libras argenti. Item vult quod Gracia et Margareta filie sue inter se habeant de exitibus terrarum et tenementorum suorum ad maritagia sua cc marcas argenti. [*Folio 28v*] Item vult quod restitucio l marcarum fiat Radulpho de Deroy de Swyneshede per meliorem disposicionem executorum. Item vult quod restitucio xl s. fiat heredibus Thome Thomas de Frampton'. Item vult quod restitucio xl s. fiat Thome Rasoure et Ricardo Bene. Item vult quod restitucio xl s. fiat Johanni Bothumsale de Wyberton' et sociis suis. Item vult quod proclamacio diversis villis et locis magis indigentibus et expedientibus in

comitatu Lincoln', ut si quis de eo querere possit de aliqua extorsione seu iniuria sibi per ipsum factum tempore quo fuit vicecomes Lincoln' vel Esc' aut aliquo alio tempore infra vitam suam, veniat coram executoribus suis et per eorum discreccionem satisfaccio fiet. Item vult quod fratres minores de Boston' sint persoluti de quinque marcas pro celebracione pro anima Johanne filie sue. Item vult quod a die et data huius voluntatis Robertus Wyllingham habeat statim xl s. annuatim percipiendos ad totam vitam suam pro suo servicio sibi facto ubi executore et feoffato sui melius viderint sibi assignari. Item vult quod Willelmus Shephard' pro dei amore habeat ad sustentacionem suam xiij s. iiij d. de tenementis in feodo simplici ad totam vitam suam per meliorem ordinacionem executorum suorum. Item vult quod executores sui per composicionem satisfaciant Radulpho de Copuldyk de Frampton' pro tenemento apud Kyrketon' Holme. Item vult quod Ricardus Day habeat xx s. in pecunia vel in valore in elemosina pro bono servicio suo. Item vult quod Ricardus filius Radulphi de Copuldyk habeat x marcas pro suo bono servicio sibi impenso. Et ad execucionem et performacionem huius voluntatis sue constituit et ordinavit executores in testamento suo contentes per auxilium feoffatorum suorum. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum suum presentibus apposuit. Dat' loco die et anno domini supradictis.

Probacio eiusdem. Memorandum quod tercio die mensis Maii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} viij^{to} apud Sleford' coram reverendo in Christo patre et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo exhibita et probata fuerunt predicta testamentum et codicellum per eundem reverendum patrem pro eo quod idem defunctus tempore mortis sue nonnulla bona mobilia et immobilia in diversis diocesibus notorie obtinebat, cuius pretextu ipsius testamenti et codicelli probacio approbacio et insinuacio et pro valore pronunciacio, administracionis que bonorum commissio compoti sive calculi administracionis reddicio audicio et finalis acquietacio ab eadem ad dictum reverendum patrem et nullum alium iudicem ipso inferiorem iure et nomine ecclesie sue Lincoln' ac de consuetudine laudabili hactenus usitata legitimeque prescripta dinoscuntur notorie pertinere approbata et insinuata ac pro valore legitime pronunciata; administracioque omnium et singulorum bonorum dictum defunctum et ipsa testamentum et codicellum concernencia et infra diocesim Lincoln' existencia Roberto Wyllyngham executori in eodem testamento nominato commissa fuit per reverendum patrem antedictum in forma iuris iurato, potestate consimilem administracionem committendi aliis coexecutoribus suis ac compoto administracionis sue huiusmodi eidem reverendi patri specialiter reservatis. Et deinde concessa fuit potestas magistris Thome Tetford' et Andree Sutton' ecclesiarum parochialium de Hagworthyngham et de Gretham rectoribus ad committendum consimilem administracionem aliis executoribus si eam admittere

voluerint in forma iuris iuratis alioquin eandem potestatem eis precludendum, cuius potestatis auctoritate iidem magistri Thomas et Andreas administracionem omnium et singulorum bonorum dictum defunctum et ipsa testamentum et codicellum concernencium Margerie relicte dicti defuncti ac Johanni Kyghley de Salmonby executoribus in eodem testamento nominatis administracionem huiusmodi in se sponte et precibus suscipientibus in forma iuris iuratis commiserunt, et insuper administracionem huiusmodi Johanni filio et heredi ac coexecutori in dicto testamento nominato per eum emissa primitus protestacione subscripta admissam commiserunt, tactis per eum sacrosanctis evangeliis et non aliter nec alio modo. Cuius quidem protestacionis tenor sequitur et est talis.[1] In dei nomine amen. Coram vobis reverendis viris magistris Thoma Tetford' et Andrea Sutton' ecclesiarum parochialium de Hagworthyngham et de Gretham rectoribus venerabili in Christo patris et domini domini Philippi dei gracia Lincoln' episcopi pro et super administracione bonorum quibusdam pretensis executoribus honesti viri dum vixit domini Johannis de Copuldyk militis Lincoln' diocesis committenda commissariis sub certa forma deputatis. Ego Johannes de Copuldyk presbyter bacallarius in decretis filius et heres dicti Johanni de Copuldyk militis, necnon et executor testamenti et voluntatis pretensorum eiusdem in ipsis pretensis testamento et voluntate nominatus, dico allego et in hiis scriptis propono ac palam publice et expresse protestor, quod deo dante sum et ero in omnibus paratus iuxta facultates et posse mea pia et caritatis opera quecumque facere et omnino perficere pro dicto nobili patre meo et anima sua que facere possum aut potero, sine dampno vel preiudicio aliquo saltem notabili mei et integre successionis mee hereditarie seu libere disposicionis mee sicut decet in terris tenementis seu aliis rebus bonis aut possessionibus ad me Johannem filium et heredem supradictum per mortem dicti nobilis patris mei qualitercumque pertinentibus vel in hiis que ea occasione pertinere in futurum. Quodque licet onus administracionis bonorum dicti nobilis patris mei et execucionis testamenti ac ultime voluntatis pretensorum eiusdem per meipsum solum aut cum aliis coexecutoribus suis pretensis ex commissione dicti venerabili patris et vestra in et super me suscipere et subiri videar vel intendam in presenti. Mee tamen intencionis in aliquo non dum extitit nec existit sicuti nec existet iuri et titulo meis et integre successionis mee hereditarie predicte in terris et tenementis aut aliis rebus bonis et possessionibus supradictis omnibus et singulis in quibus heres et successor existo aut esse debeo seu ero vel esse debebo quicquam preiudicare quin ius hereditarium mee integre successionis presentis et future [*Folio 29*] et commoda quecumque exinde proveniencia et proventura. Necnon et totalis libera disposicio eorundem michi Johanni filio et heredi supradicto in omnibus salva et integra permaneant et illibata consistant. Horum

[1] Marginal note: "Protestacio."

eciam aliqua debita vel legata pretensa dicti nobilis patris mei me solvere restituciones vel aliquas aut aliqua alia michi presertim pro iudicialiter nocuia ve dampnosa in dictis pretensis testamento et voluntate specificata aut contenta facere et perimplere seu permittere aut me eisdem vel alicui eorundem aliquo modo consentire contigerit ad ea tamen vel eorum aliquod promissum aut iuramentum, si quod vel si que per me in hac parte coram vobis dominis commissariis pretensis vel alibi fieri seu prestari contingat aliqualiter non extendo aut refero nec a vobis aut aliis extendi aut referri, volo nec ad solucionem debitorum legatorum restitucionem et perimplecionem aliorum in Johanni filio et heredi supradicto preiudicancium a quoquam compelli aut coartari invitus, sed in hiis huiusmodi promissum et iuramentum mea totaliter revoco et retracto in tantum si qua ex hiis premissis michi preiudicantibus vel preiudicaturis fecero vel perimplevero aut ea fieri vel perimpleri mandavero permisero seu eisdem consensero, illa omnia et singula ut bonus et gratus filius et caritatis intuitu et non ut executor testamenti et voluntatis pretensorum predictorum faciam aut fieri et perimpleri permittam in complacenciam dei dumtaxat et pro salute et bona requie anime dicti nobilis patris mei, quam deus ineternim in sua luce custodiat in relavamen, eciam commodum et satisfaccionem aliquam pauperum creditorum dicti patris mei et aliorum quibus ut mihi videbitur pietas suadebit et opus erit, et sic et non aliter nec alio modo a mea presenti dicta protestacione nullatenus recedendo, sed eidem pocius firmiter inherendo onus administracionis bonorum et execucionem testamenti et voluntatis pretensorum predictorum suscipere et admittere volam et intendam. Protestans me velle presentem protestacionem meam corrigere emendare et in meliorem formam redigere si michi videatur pro loco et tempore oportunis iuris beneficio et remediis michi in omnibus semper salvis. Et postea reserarunt[1] dicti commissarii reverendi in Christo patri Lincoln' episcopo supradicto ad committendum adminstracionem Johanni Meres de Kyrketon' in Holand' cum venerit eam admissurus etc. prout ipsi commissarii certificarunt eidem reverendo patri sub sigillo decani de Horncastr'.

1408. May 21st, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to John Swain (Swayne), rector of Cottered (Codereth'), having the first tonsure, to all orders. [B.]

1408. May 29th, Sleaford. Licence to William Ketyll', chaplain of the chantry in memory of Ralph Joliffe in St. Michael's church, Wigford, Lincoln, to celebrate one anniversary on account of the poverty of the chantry.

[1] *Sic.*

Item xxix^{mo} die eiusdem mensis anno et loco predictis licenciatum fuit domino Willelmo Ketyll' capellano cantarie pro anima Radulphi Jolefe in ecclesia sancti Michaelis in Wykford' civitate Lincoln' fundate quod possit celebrare unum annale pro defunctis in dicta ecclesia propter exilitatem dicte cantarie.

1408. May 31st, Sleaford. Dispensation by direction of the papal penitentiary to John Thomson and his wife, Alice, who contracted matrimony without knowing that they were related within the third and fourth degrees of consanguinity.

Tomson' dispensacio. Memorandum ultimo die mensis Maii anno et loco supradictis reverendus in Christo pater et dominus dominus Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus auctoritate litterarum reverendi in Christo patris et domini domini Antonii dei gracia Penestren' episcopi sibi commissa in hac parte dispensavit cum Johanne Tomson' laico et Alicia eius uxore Lincoln' diocesis coniungibus super eo quod in tercio et quarto gradu consanguinitatis simul coniuncti matrimonium adinvicem nullum scientes impedimentum contraxerunt et consummarunt ac prolem procrearunt, quod impedimento huiusmodi non obstante possint in matrimonio sic contracto et consummato licite valeant remanere prolem ex inde susceptam et suscipiendam legitimam decrevendo facta prius ad mandatum dicti reverendi patris Lincoln' episcopi auctoritate dictarum litterarum, quod si divorcium inter ipsas fieret gravia ex inde scandala possint verisimiliter exoriri quod que dicta Alicia propter hoc ab aliquo rapta non fuit inquisicione diligenti.

1408. May 31st. Letters dimissory to John atte Hoo of Chellington (Chelwyngton'), acolyte, to all orders. [B.]

1408. May 18th, Sleaford. Licence to William Staines of Baldock, chaplain, to preach at suitable places and times within the archdeaconry of Huntingdon.

Item xviij^{mo} die mensis Maii anno et loco predictis licenciatum fuit domino Willelmo Stanes de Baldok Lincoln' diocesis capellano quod possit libere excercere officium predicacionis ubicumque infra archidiaconatum Hunt' locis et temporis congruis et oportunis absque alieni iuris preiudicio quamdiu domino placuerit.

1408. May 31st. Licence to Matilda Winter for the celebration of divine services in her house at Baldock during her illness.

Item ultimo die mensis eiusdem anno et loco predictis concessa fuit licencia Matilde Wynter quod possit facere celebrari divina infra mansum suum de Baldok durante infirmitate quo detinetur.

1408. June 5th, Sleaford. Licence to the prior and convent of Royston to let the church of Owersby (Ouresby) to farm for one year to the vicar of Owersby and William Wildbore (Wyldbor'). [G.]

1408. June 8th, Sleaford. Licence to John Conne, rector of Fiskerton, to put his church to farm for a specified period.

Item viij^{mo} die mensis Junii anno et loco predictis licenciatum fuit domino Johanne Conne rectori de Fyskerton' Lincoln' diocesis quod possit dimittere fructus ecclesie sue ad firmam a data ista usque festum Michaelis Archangeli proximum futurum ad annum cum tollerancia per idem tempus.

1408. July 3rd, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to John West of Stallingborough (Stalyngburgh'), to all orders. [B.]

[Undated]. Sleaford. Injunctions to the prior and convent of Thornholm to carry out certain reforms and remedy the abuses revealed to Bishop Repingdon during his recent visitation of the priory.

Thornholm' iniuncciones. Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilectis filiis fratri Willelmo Wrangul priori prioratus de Thornholme et eiusdem loci conventui ordinis sancti Augustini nostre diocesis salutem graciam et benediccionem. Pastoralis officii cure licet immeriti divina clemencia presidentes et si multis et arduis undique pregravemur negociis curis excitemur innumeris cogitacionibus plurimis distrahamur circa id tamen fervientibus votis intendere vacare instancius ac operose studium sollicitudinis debemus impertiri et cura et regimen gregis dominici nobis commissi recte gubernetur pro quo in districto dei iudicio reddituri sumus racionem. Sane visitantes nuper dictum prioratum vestrum tam in capite quam in membris ac invenientes quedam detecta et delata in dicta visitacione nostra eundem prioratum [*Folio 29*^{v}] et vos ac quosdam de confratribus dicti prioratus in eodem prioratu contingencia que reformacione et correccione debita plurimum indigere noscantur. Nosque volentes eaque huiusmodi correccionis et reformacionis indigebant prout officio pastorali incumbit in statum debitum reformare, vobis priori et conventui certas iniuncciones canonicas et litteras infrascriptas prout vos seu vestrum aliquem concernebant verbotenus precipiebamus firmiter observari sub penis et censuris infrascriptis. In primis vobis priori et conventui iniungebamus et mandabamus sub pena excommunicacionis maioris quod inter vos pacis tranquillitas vigeret fervor caritatis estuaret et invalesceret concordie unitas et animarum indempnitas perseveraret et quod odia scandala rixe aut contenciones inter vos non suscitarentur quovismodo. Item

quod vos prior citra festum sancti Martini visitacionem nostram proximum sequentem provideretis de uno garcione qui esset communis serviens in firmaria dicti prioratus ad deserviendum infirmis et debilibus fratribus in dicta firmaria existentibus secundum exigenciam regule sancti Augustini sub pena excommunicacionis. Item quod vos prior provideretis eidem prioratui de uno barbitonsore quamcito commode valeretis sub pena supradicta. Item quod vos prior congrue refici et reparari faceretis secundum posse vestrum defectus existentes in domibus fossis nemoribus et stauri dicti prioratus a festo Michaelis visitacionem nostram predictam proximo sequenti usque ad duos annos extunc proximos sequentes sub pena privacionis a dignitate vestra. Item quod frater Willelmus Solby non exiret loca claustralia per annum visitacionem nostram predictam proximum sequentem et quod quolibet altero die veneris per idem tempus ieiunaret in pane et aqua pro commissis. Item quod vos prior et omnes canonici officiarii dicti prioratus redderetis et redderent fidelem compotum de bonis communibus dicte domus quamcito potuissetis et commode potuisset quilibet vestrum sub pena excommunicacionis maioris. Item quod fratres Johannes Cotes et Johannes Barowe pro eo quod adtunc inveniebamus eos suspectos de iniusta confederacione quod non communicarent adinvicem per annum proximum sequentem. Et ne igitur huiusmodi iniunccionum nostrarum ignoranciam quovismodo pretendere valeatis ipsas in scriptis redactas ac clausas vobis per nuncium nostrum iuratum sigillo nostro sigillatas in fidem et testimonium eorundem destinamus. Dat' in castro nostro de Sleford'.

1408. July 14th. Licences for the private celebration of divine services to John Church of Leicester and Simon Tyler of St. Ives.

Memorandum quod decimo quarto die mensis Julii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} octavo apud Sleford' concessa fuit licencia Johanni Churche de Leycestr' et Katerine eius uxori quod possint facere celebrari divina in loco honesto infra mansum suum per triennium.

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit consimilis licencia Simoni Tyler et Agneti eius uxori de sancto Ivone per triennium.

Same date and place. Permission to the warden of Helpston parish church to provide for the holding of services and the administration of the sacraments, pending a decision concerning the pollution of the church.

Helpeston' or'. Item xiiij^{mo} die mensis Julii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} octavo licenciatum fuit gardiano ecclesie parochialis de Helpeston' quod possit celebrare et per alios facere celebrari divina et ministrare sacramenta et sacramentalia parochianis suis quousque de polucione seu non polucione dicte ecclesie fuerit certificatum etc.

1408. Letter from the bishop of London (dated June 26th), forwarding a mandate from Archbishop Arundel (dated June 25th) for Convocation at St. Paul's on July 23rd. The letter is transmitted to the dean and chapter of Lincoln and to the archdeacons, who are directed to summon the clergy of the diocese to meet in All Saints' church, Northampton, on an appointed day, for the election of proctors. The archbishop is notified of the execution of the mandate.

Verba London' episcopi. Reverendo in Christo patri et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo Ricardus permissione divina London' episcopus salutem et sinceram in domino caritatem. Litteras reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Thome dei gracia Cantuar' archiepiscopi tocius Anglie primatis et apostolice sedis legati xxv die mensis Junii infrascriptas reverenter recepimus in hec verba. Thomas permissione divina[1] (etc.) [*to Folio 30v*]. Dat' in manerio de Lamhith' xxv die mensis Junii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} octavo, et nostre translacionis anno duodecimo. Quarum auctoritate litterarum vos reverende pater cum ea qua decet reverencia tenore presencium peremptorie citamus quatinus in dicta ecclesia sancti Pauli dicto xxiij^{o} die mensis Julii cum continuacione et prorogacione sequencium tunc dierum et locorum, coram prefato reverendissimo patre aut suis in hac parte locumtenentibus seu commissariis si ipsum reverendissimum patrem quod absit tunc abesse contigerit ad huiusmodi negocium personaliter compareatis secundum dictarum litterarum exigenciam et effectum. Vobis eciam omnia et singula in eisdem litteris contenta per vos intimanda et denuncianda. Harum serie intimamus et denunciamus vobisque nichilominus auctoritate predicta firmiter iniungimus et mandamus, quatinus omnia et singula in prefatis litteris contenta, quatinus vos ac civitatem et diocesim vestras necnon personas earundem concernunt iuxta vim formam et tenorem ipsarum litterarum execucioni plenarie demandetis et faciatis, una cum peticio ab eodem reverendissimo patre indulgenciis prout ad vos attinet in hac parte efficaciter demandari. Certificantes eundem reverendissimum patrem aut suos in hac parte locumtenentes seu commissarios distincte et aperte prout in prefatis litteris fieri demandatur. Dat' sub sigillo nostro in palacio nostro London' vicesimo sexto die mensis Junii anno domini supradicto, et nostre translacionis primo.

Verba episcopi Lincoln' quoad decanum et capitulum. Nos igitur dictarum litterarum auctoritate vos decanum et capitulum tenore presencium peremptorie citamus quod coram prefato reverendissimo patre domino Cant' archiepiscopo ipsius ve locumtenentibus seu commissariis die et loco in mandato suprascriptis contentis iuxta earundem litterarum exigenciam compareatis vos decane personaliter ac capitulum per unum procuratorem facturi et recepturi quod ipsius mandati tenor exigit et requirit. Auctoritate premissa

[1] As *Concilia*, III, pp. 306–8. Cf. *Reg. Mascall*, p. 60; *Reg. Bubwith*, I, pp. 32–34.

firmiter iniungentes quatinus processione singulis quartis et sextis feriis modo et forma suprascriptis faciatis populum vobis subditum ad idem faciendum efficaciter inducentes. Et ut omnes subditi nostri ad hoc devocius excitentur, nos dei omnipotentis nomina beatissime que virgine Marie matris sue ac gloriosi confessoris beate Hugonis et omnium sanctorum meritis et precibus confidentes omnibus parochianis nostris vere penitenciariis contritis et confessis qui premissa fecerint xl dies indulgencie concedimus per presentes, de die recepcionis presencium nominibus que per vos citatorum ac omni eo quod ulterius feceritis in premissis nos autentice certificetis. Dat' etc.

Verba eiusdem quoad archidiaconos. Nos igitur dictarum litterarum auctoritate vos archidiaconum nostrum Lincoln' tenore presencium peremptorie citamus et per vos omnes et singulos archidiaconatus vestri abbates priores et alios ecclesiarum prelatos quoscumque tam exemptos quam non exemptos ac alios magne litterature viros etc. citari volumus et mandamus quod die et loco suprascriptis coram prefato reverendissimo patre et domino Cant' archiepiscopo ipsius ve locumtenentibus vel commissariis compareatis et compareant facturi et recepturi quod ipsius [*Folio 31*] mandati prescripti tenor exigit et requirit, intimantes eisdem ipsos aut ipsorum aliquem a personali comparicione dictis die et loco nullo modo fore excusandos. Citetis insuper seu citari faciatis peremptorie clerum eiusdem archidiaconatus quod die mercurii proximo post festum sancti Kenelmi regis et martiris in ecclesia parochiali Omnium Sanctorum Northampton' nostre diocesis coram nobis seu magistro Johanne Hauberk' aut Roberto Stonham nostris in hac parte commissariis compareant duos procuratores sufficientes et ydoneos una cum clero aliorum archidiaconatuum nostre diocesis secundum vim et formam litterarum suprascriptarum electuri ordinaturi et transmissuri ac ulterius facturi et recepturi quod consonum fuit racioni. Vobisque archidiacono nostro auctoritate premissa firmiter iniungimus et mandamus quatenus omnibus et singulis abbatibus prioribus rectoribus vicariis et capellanis dicti archidiaconatus cum celeritate possibili districcius iniungatis ut ipsi et eorum singuli singulis quartis et sextis feriis eo fervencius et solercius quo poterunt oraciones devotas in ieiuniis et elemosinarum largicionibus ac aliis pietatis operibus iugiter effundant ac processiones ob causas in mandato supradicto recitatas faciant consuetas subditos suos tam clericos quam laicos diebus dominicis et festivis intra missarum solempnia monentes et efficaciter inducentes quod huiusmodi processionibus ieiuniis et aliis pietatis operibus una vobiscum insistant ab eisdem quousque a nobis aliud habueritis mandatis non desistentes. Et ut omnes subditi nostri devocius excitati ad premissa ulterius confirmant. Nos de dei omnipotentis nomina etc. ut supra. Et sub ista forma executum fuit dictum mandatum singulis archidiaconis in ecclesia Lincoln'.

Et certificatum fuit dicto reverendo patri in omnibus iuxta exigenciam dicti mandati etc.

1408. July 30th, Old Temple. Presentation of papal letters of dispensation on behalf of William Staindrop, scholar, for illegitimacy.

STANDROP' DISPENSACIO. Penultimo die mensis Julii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} octavo apud Vetus Templum London' presentate fuerunt littere apostolice domino Philippo episcopo Lincoln' ad dispensandum cum Willelmo Standrop' Lincoln' diocesis scolari super defectu natalium quem etc. de soluto genitus et soluta, quarum litterarum execucionem idem episcopus commisit in toto magistro Johanni Newton' ecclesie Ebor' thesaurario.

Same date and place. Dispensation granted by John Hauberk, by direction of the papal penitentiary, to Henry Bowet, scholar, for illegitimacy.

BOWET DISPENSACIO. Item eisdem die loco et anno dispensatum fuit per magistrum Johannem Hauberk' cum Henrico Bowet scolari Lincoln' diocesis super defectu natalium genito de soluto et coniugata auctoritate litterarum domini Francisci Sabinen' episcopi domini nostri pape Innocencii penitenciarii.

Same date and place. Licence to John Swain, rector of Cottered, for three years' non-residence for study.[1] [A.]

1408. July 26th, Old Temple. Letters dimissory to Richard Stonhard (Stonhard'), of Ashridge[2] (Asshruge), to all orders. [B.]

July 27th, Old Temple. Licence to Richard Hooper (Hoper'), rector of Toynton (Teynton'), to put his church to farm for three years. [D.]

1408. August 20th, Sleaford. Licence to the inhabitants of the hamlet of Howsham to celebrate divine services in the chapel of St. Mary, for three years.

HOWSOM' OR'. Item xx^{mo} die mensis Augusti anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} octavo apud Sleford' licenciatum fuit incolis et inhabitantibus villule de Howsom quod possint facere divina celebrari in capella beate Marie ibidem absque preiudicio alicuius per triennium.

1408. September 24th, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to William Haldenby, to all orders. [B.]

[1] *Supra*, p. 125.
[2] One of the two Houses of the Bonshommes in England. See also *infra*, p. 176.

1408. Letter from the bishop of London (dated August 17th), forwarding a mandate from Archbishop Arundel (dated August 10th), asking for the immediate collection of the subsidy of 1½d. in the £ previously granted by Convocation for the expenses of delegates attending the Council of Pisa, and alleging negligence in payment. Bishop Repingdon transmits the mandate to the archdeacons.

MANDATUM AD COLLIGENDUM DENARIUM CUM OBULO DE QUALITER LIBRA TAXE.[1] Reverendo in Christo patri et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo Ricardus permissione divina London' episcopus salutem et sincere dileccionis continuum incrementum. Litteras reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Thome dei gracia Cantuarien' archiepiscopi tocius Anglie primatis et apostolice sedis legati terciodecimo die mensis Augusti anno domini infrascripto reverenter recepimus in hec verba. Thomas permissione divina Cant' archiepiscopus tocius Anglie primatis et apostolice sedis legatus venerabili fratri nostro domino Ricardo eadem gracia London' episcopo salutem et fraterne dileccionis continuum incrementum. Terribilis in consiliis super filios hominum dominus noster Jesus Christus Rex regum et dominus dominancium qui aufert spiritum principum qui respicit terram et facit eam tremere ac terra queque firmiora flatu oris sui ad instar pulveris quem proicit ventus a facie terre a sua stabilita disposicione elidit ascensurus ad patrem unum virum perfectum electum ex milibus vices suas gesturum in terris habentem pietatem animas hominum ligandi atque solvendi in terris et in celo benigna quadam indulgencia tanquam vicarium limitavit inter homines per secula quodam successoris iure remansurum quem profecto virum esse perfectum vincium iustum et electum interest cuiuslibet Christiani, et si quemlibet Christianum in nos et nobis scientibus peccantem iuxta veritatem evangelicam corripere teneamur multo magis ipsum dominum nostrum papam ex cuius disciplina doctrina et exemplo salus universorum dependet a via morum errantem cum humilitate reverencia atque caritate tenemur prout nobis possibile fuerit revocare. Sane quod dolenter referimus scisma presens quod inter dictum dominum nostrum papam et adversarium suum qui loco secundi capitis in uno corpore militantis ecclesie per viam monstri se adiungit tam racione diuturnitatis temporis quam fortitudinis partium sibi adherencium aliorum que periculorum innumerabilium circa id emergencium que omnia ad presens recitare non expedit nec possent defacili scripti serie comprehendi tantas inconveniencias contumare videtur ut dilaccionem ulteriorem capere non poterit neque debet. Scitur namque a pluribus et quasi reperitur notorium quod dominus noster papa modernus ante eleccionem suam in ipsa sua assumpcione et post promisit iuravit et vovit deo et toti mundo

[1] Cf. *Reg. Mascall*, p. 66; *Reg. Bubwith*, I, pp. 37–8.

quod unionem in ecclesia quamcito posset per viam tunc expressam [*Folio 31v*] perficeret iuxta vires prout super hiis bullas suas direxit tocius mundi principibus. Iam tamen ut scribunt cardinales asserunt quod nonnulli ab ipsa via desistit nolens perficere quod promisit, nos igitur timentes necnon dictus Rex terribilis cultore uniee visitabit ut quisque prout gessit reddat racionem si nos in talento nobis credito reperiat sequiter laborasse acrius reprehendat, volentes que de pedibus nostris negligencie pulverum prudenter executere de consilio et assensu domini nostri Regis pro remedio meliori in materia antedicta habendo confratres nostros suffraganeos episcopos ac ceteros prelatos eciam exemptos et clerum nostre Cant' provincie ad certos diem et locum iam effluxos fecimus convocari ac ibidem deliberacione communi decrevimus adhibito prius consensu domini nostri Regis quod idem dominus noster Rex nomine suo omnium prelatorum et procerum ac cleri et communitatis regni sui transmittat ambassiatores solempnes ad requirendum dominum nostrum papam humiliter filialiter reverencialiter et caritative de adimplendo viam unionis ecclesie per ipsam assumptam pariter et electam cum aliquali caritativa comminacione recessus obediencie ab eodem in casu quo premissa non curaverit adimplere, quod que omnia que creduntur continuacione eiusdem scismatis incentiva interim suspendantur unite ecclesie pastori prout racio exigit celeriter restituendum. Et quia nemo tenetur suis sumptibus militare consimili deliberacione consensum est et concessum per prelatos et clerum ut predicti ambassiatores habeant a prelatis et clero supradicto congruos sumptus suos et expensas prout coram prelatis clero et populo ad crucem sancti Pauli in vulgari publicavimus. Et ad hunc finem concessimus et concedunt iidem prelati et clerus per viam subsidii de quibuscumque bonis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis ad decimam taxatis et solvere consuetis de qualiter libra taxe unum denarium cum obolo ad usum predictum celeriter colligendum. Vobis igitur committimus et mandamus quatinus premissa primitus publicantes predictos denarium et obolum de bonis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis huiusmodi infra diocesim vestram London' existentibus colligi et pecuniam inde collectam citra festum Michaelis[1] proximum futurum levari faciatis magistro Ricardo Brynkeley decano nostro ecclesie beate Marie de Arcubus London' sive magistro Johanni Perche curie nostre Cant' registrario communiter et divisim London' omni dilacione postposita persolvendum ac omnibus et singulis venerabilibus fratribus suffraganeis nostris per nostram provinciam Cant' ubilibet constitutis premissa intimetis seu intimari faciatis eisdem ex parte nostra mandantes quibus nos eciam tenore presencium sic mandamus ut contenta in litteris nostris supradictis per singulas suas dioceses publicari faciant et dictos denarios et obolum de libra quorumcumque beneficiorum et bonorum ecclesiasticorum in singulis suis diocesibus existencium levari consimiliter

[1] *Sic, recte* sancti Michaelis.

faciant citra dictum festum sancti Michaelis proximum futurum prefatis magistro Ricardo Brynkeley sive magistro Johanni Perche fideliter persolvendum. Dat' in manerio nostro de Lamhith' x^mo^ die mensis Augusti anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ octavo, et nostre translacionis anno domini decimo.

Verba episcopi London'. Quarum auctoritate litterarum premissa in eisdem litteris contenta v. p. intimanda harum serie intimamus, vobis ex parte dicti reverendissimi patris mandantes quatinus contenta in litteris suis huiusmodi per diocesim vestram primitus publicari ac dictos denarium et obolum de qualiter libra quorumcumque beneficiorum et bonorum ecclesiasticorum huiusmodi ut prefertur taxatorum in eadem diocesi vestra existencium omni dilacione postposita levari faciatis citra dictum festum sancti Michaelis prefatis magistro Ricardo Brynkeley sive magistro Johanni Perche iuxta exigenciam et tenorem earundem litterarum fideliter persolvendum. Dat' sub sigillo nostro in palacio nostro London' xvij die mensis Augusti anno domini supradicto, et nostre translacionis anno primo.

Verba episcopi Lincoln' quoad archidiaconos. Nos igitur prefatas litteras execucioni debite demandare volentes ut tenemur, vobis in virtute obediencie et sub pena contemptus dictarum litterarum auctoritate firmiter iniungimus et mandamus quatinus prefatas litteras ac singula in eisdem contenta iuxta earundem litterarum exigenciam publicantes huiusmodi denarium et obolum de qualiter libra quorumcumque beneficiorum et bonorum ecclesiasticorum taxate et ad decimam solvere consuetorum infra archidiaconatum etc. existencium exigatis colligatis et levetis et summas per vos levatos prefatis magistro Ricardo Brynkeley seu magistro Johanni Perche commissariis ut premittitur ad hoc deputatis citra terminum in eisdem litteris limitatum omni excusacione postposita liberetis seu faciatis integre liberari vestram taliter adhibentes diligenciam ne dicti ambassiatores retardentur aut aliqualiter impediantur quod absit occasio tanti dispendii ecclesie et regni in vos poterit redundari contradictores si quos inveneritis in hac parte per censuras ecclesiasticas ad quas debite fulminandum vobis vices nostras committimus canonice compellendum. Et quid in premissis feceritis nos citra terminum prenotatum certificere per litteras vestras patentes harum seriem continentes sigillo autentico consignatas. Dat' etc.

1408. October 13th, Sleaford. Dispensation by direction of the papal penitentiary to Henry Grimsby, scholar, on account of his illegitimacy.

Grymesby dispensacio. Memorandum quod xiij^o^ die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ octavo apud Sleford'

reverendus in Christo pater et dominus dominus Philippus dei gracia Lincoln' episcopus auctoritate litterarum reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Antonii miseracione divina episcopi Penestren' sibi in hac parte commissa cum Henrico Grymesby Lincoln' diocesis scolare super defectu natalium quem paciebatur de presbytero genitus et soluta misericorditer dispensavit etc. ut in forma communi.

1408. October 11th, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to William Colyn of Glapthorne (Glampthorn'), to all orders. [B.]

[*Folio 32*]

1408. October 14th, Sleaford. Licence to John Barbour, rector of Surfleet (Surflete), to put his church to farm for two years. [D.]

1408. December 4th, Newark. Licence for non-residence for study to Adam Hopwood (Hopwode), rector of Ingoldmells (Ingoldemels), having the first tonsure, [A.] "dummodo faciat se promoveri in subdiaconum infra annum a tempore regiminis accepti", and letters dimissory to all orders. [B.]

1408. December 4th, Newark. Licence to Robert Beckingham, chaplain of the Beckingham chantry at Lincoln, to celebrate one anniversary on account of his poverty, the permission to last for one year.

Item eisdem die loco et anno concessa fuit licencia domino Roberto Beckyngham capellano cantarie de Bekyngham Lincoln' diocesis quod possit celebrare annale per unum annum propter exilitatem cantarie sue huiusmodi.

1408. December 4th, Newark. Execution by Bishop Repingdon and Thomas Langley, bishop of Durham, of letters of Gregory XII (dated April 12th) proclaiming the absolution of all persons concerned in the death of Richard Scrope, archbishop of York, who was sentenced for taking up arms against King Henry IV. The papal letters are received by the bishops of Lincoln and Durham before the high altar in Newark parish church, and are read by master Thomas Lyes, in the presence of Richard Holme, chancellor of the bishop of Durham, John Hauberk, William Burton, five notaries, and a great crowd of lay and ecclesiastical nobles.

On December 5th the papal bull is affixed to the door of Newark church, and afterwards to the door of Lincoln cathedral, in the presence of John Hauberk, Thomas Hill, notary, and many other ecclesiastics and laymen.

Bulla apostolica ad absolvendum omnes interessentes morti archiepiscopi Ebor' cum eius execucione etc.[1] Thomas permissione divina Dunolnien' et Philippus eadem permissione Lincoln' episcopi iudices et executores ad infrascripta a sede apostolica specialiter deputati universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis quorum interest vel intererit et quos infrascriptum tangit negocium seu tangere poterit quomodolibet in futurum quocumque nomine nuncupentur salutem et mandatis nostris imo verius apostolicis firmiter obedire. Noveritis nos litteras sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Gregorii divina providencia pape duodecimi cum cordula canabis et vera bulla plumbea ipsius domini nostri pape more Romane curie bullatas non viciatas non abolitas sed omni vicio et suspicione carentes nobis presentatas cum ea qua decuit reverencia recepisse, quarum litterarum tenor dinoscitur esse talis. Gregorius episcopus servus servorum dei venerabilibus fratribus Thome Dunoln' et Philippo Lincoln' episcopis salutem et apostolicam benediccionem. Romanus pontifex beati Petri celestis regni clavigeri successor collatis sibi celitus solvendum atque ligandum clavibus ex iniuncti officii debito salutem querens singulorum provide disponit ut collapsis ad gremium ecclesie cum humilitate redeuntibus ipsa suggerente clemencia apperiat januam pietatis. Cum itaque sicut accepimus dudum suadente humani generis inimico in regno Anglie diversa intestina bella sediciones et prodiciones contra carissimum in Christo filium nostrum Henricum Regem Anglie illustrem preter ipsius Regis culpam per quosdam subditos eiusdem suscitata fuissent ac eciam Ricardus archiepiscopus Ebor', quem ipse Rex speciali honore et reverencia prosequebatur et de quo nullam suspicionem prorsus habeat quod contra se aut statum suum aliquod sinistrum machinari aut attemptare vellet contra prefatum Regem eiusque honoris enervacionem concepisset ac nonnullos potentes et proceres dicti regni ac eciam alios inferioris status necnon viros ecclesiasticos seculares et regulares sibi attraxisset et tandem illa que conceperat satagens ad effectum producere ipse archiepiscopus armatus ac scipatus potencia seculari cum octo milibus armatorum vel circa ad campum progrediens, unacum suis complicibus conatus fuit quantum potuit ad eterminium eiusdem Regis effectualiter devenire quecum a quibusdam nobilibus aliis dicti regni necnon inferioris condicionis fidelibus dicti Regis cognita fuissent ipsi fideliter et constanter in eiusdem Regis auxilium et regni prefati liberacionem, ipso Rege tamen tunc absente, et hec ignorante similiter armati contra prefatum archiepiscopum eiusque complices processerunt preparato que hinc inde prelio tamen archiepiscopus et complices prefati in campo superati fuissent. Ipse archiepiscopus et aliqui secum in ipso campo per huiusmodi victores capti subito ad presenciam dicti Regis adducti fuerunt clamantibus ipsis victoribus et supernementibus populis in multitudine

[1] There is an abstract of the papal faculty in *Cal. Pap. Lett.*, VI, p. 98.

copiosa, quod Rex prefatus iuxta leges et consuetudines dicti regni que dictant quod sediciosi et proditores morte moriantur et que leges iurisiurandi religione eiusdem Regis dum ad culmen regni assumeretur vallato fuerunt de huiusmodi captivis iusticiam faceret ministrari. Alioquin si super tantis prodicionibus regni sui iusticiam facere negligeret ipsum Regem solum in manibus aliorum inimicorum suorum qui huiusmodi novitatis conscii non longe ab ipso manu armata distabant in campo dimitterent et ipsum et se de prefato archiepiscopo vindicarent quibus clamoribus continuo accrescentibus, ipse Rex timens verisimiliter quod si huiusmodi rumoribus et importunis tam innumerose multitudinis instanciis qualitercumque resisteret personam suam et regnum in grandi periculo poneret et quod populo procedente ad vindictam multa ac varia pericula prosequi possent et quod absque deletu personarum talia iudicia decetero in casibus similibus per ipsam multitudinem usurparentur ad evitandum manus scandalum pro sui et regni prefati liberacione permisit quod huiusmodi captivi iuxta easdem leges et consuetudines iudicari deberent. Propter quod eciam deventum fuit ad hoc quod idem archiepiscopus et aliqui secum capti ex supradictis causis iudicium capitale subierunt quod proculdubio gravis et improbandi exempli fuisse constat cum licet prefatus archiepiscopus deliquerit correccio tamen et punicio secundum canonica instituta ecclesiastico iudici fuerat relinquendit. Cum autem ut audivimus [*Folio 32*v] multi de hiis que in eadem multitudine presentes fuerint de captivitate dicti archiepiscopi et morte subsecuta doleant ab intimis, nos attendentes quod ecclesia gremium suum se recognoscere volentibus umquam claudere consuevit et simul considerantes quod ista pro evitando maiori periculo regni ac personarum fuerunt perpetrata, et volentes pro salute ipsius regni et fidelium quiete rigorem iusticie temporare fraternitati vestre de qua in hiis et aliis specialem in domino fiduciam obtinemus per apostolica scripta, committimus et mandamus quatinus omnes et singulas personas que in premissis presentes fuerunt et hec facienda opem vel operam qualitercumque verbo aut initu consilio vel facto dederunt et in illis culpabiles se recognoscant cuiuscumque status preeminencie dignitatis aut condicionis existant si hoc a vobis humiliter pecierint ab excommunicacionis et aliis censuris et penis quas propter premissa qualitercumque incurrerunt auctoritate nostra absolvere in forma ecclesie consueta iniunctis earum singulis pro modo culpe penitencia salutari et aliis que de iure fuerunt iniungenda et nichilominus interdictum ecclesiasticum quod propterea a iure vel ab homine in civitatibus castris villis terris et locis extitit promulgatum eadem auctoritate tollere et relaxare, necnon omnes et singulos processus de mandato felicis recordacionis Innocencii pape septimi predecessoris nostri factos contra ipsos qui circa premissa quomodolibet excesserunt ac omnia exinde vel ob id secuta que omnia haberi volumus pro sufficienter expressis abolere

curetis. Nos enim absolvendum personas prefatas ac interdictum quod propterea promulgatum fuerit tollendum et relaxandum necnon processus huiusmodi et omnia inde secuta abolendum ac omnia et singula que in premissis quomodolibet oportuna fuerint et expedire conspexeritis faciendum plenam et liberam auctoritate apostolica tenore presencium concedimus facultatem. Ita tamen quod huiusmodi facultas vobis concessa ad absolucionem clericorum nullatenus se extendat. Volumus autem quod postquam personaliter adinvicem convenientes super hac materia que agenda fuit disposueritis alter alteri vestrum execucionem predictorum committere possit. Quod que si quod absit aliquis vestrum ante convencionem et disposicionem huiusmodi ex hac vita migrare contigerit, ille qui superstes fuerit alium prelatum laudabilis vite sibi collegam eligere debeat super cuius eleccione eiusdem superstitis conscienciam oneramus quibus adinvicem ut prefertur convenientibus post disposicionem huiusmodi alter alteri eodem modo ut supradictum est valeat in huiusmodi materia premissorum execucionem committere. Dat' Luce ij idus Aprilis Pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

Execucio bulle. Post quarum quidem litterarum presentacionem recepcionem et leccionem, nos iudices et executores predicti volentes mandatum apostolicum tanquam vere obediencie filii exequi reverenter ut tenemur universitati vestre predicte prefatas litteras apostolicas ac omnia et singula in eis contenta intimamus notificamus ac ad vestram et cuiuslibet vestrum noticiam deducimus per presentes. Et ex hac causa adinvicem convenientes ex deliberacio consilio que agenda sunt super materia antedicta et eam ad effectum execucionis nostre qualitercumque concernentibus disposuimus cum effectu. Certificantes indubie omnes et singulas personas que in captivitate et morte dicti domini archiepiscopi, clericis dumtaxat exceptis, presentes fuerunt et ad hec facienda opem vel operam qualitercumque verbo initu consilio vel facto dederunt et in illis culpabiles se recognoscant cuiuscumque status preeminencie dignitatis aut condicionis existunt, quod nos ipsas personas omnes et singulas ab excommunicacionis et aliis censuris et penis quas propter premissa qualitercumque incurrebant si hoc a nobis vel altero nostrum humiliter petant auctoritate apostolica absolvere curabimus in forma ecclesie consueta iniunctis earum singulis pro modo culpe penitencia salutari et aliis que de iure fuerint iniunga. Ac nichilominus interdictum ecclesiasticum quod propterea a iure vel ab homine in civitatibus castris villis terris et locis extitit promulgatum eadem auctoritate apostolica tollimus et relaxamus. Necnon omnes et singulos processus de mandato felicis recordacionis Innocencii pape septimi factos contra ipsos qui circa premissa quomodolibet excesserunt ac omnia exinde vel ob id secuta penitus abolemus. Uterque eciam nostrum alteri committit ulteriorem execucionem omnium premissorum. In quorum omnium et singulorum testimonium atque fidem sigilla nostra presentibus apposuimus.

Dat' in ecclesia parochiali de Newerk' Ebor' diocesis die quarta mensis Decembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} octavo.

Nota prothocollum processus dicte execucionis. Et notandum quod quarto die mensis Decembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} octavo supradicta Indiccione secunda Pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Gregorii divina providencia pape xij^{mi} supranominati anno tercio in ecclesia parochiali de Newerk' predicta, coram reverendis in Christo patribus et dominis dominis Thoma Dunoln' et Philippo Lincoln' dei gracia episcopis ante summum altare in cancello dicte ecclesie pro tribunali sedentibus, exhibite fuerunt littere apostolice suprascripte sane et integre cum cordula canabis more Romanis curie bullate per magistrum Thomam Lyes et eisdem reverendis patribus ibidem realiter liberate. Post quarum litterarum apostolicarum recepcionem et inspeccionem diligenter iidem reverendi patres adtunc ut asserverunt ex hac causa convenientes et ad execucionem earundem tanquam obediencie filii procedere et omnia que in eisdem litteris continebantur debite in quantum in eis fuit exequi volentes ipsas litteras per eundem magistrum Thomam publice legi fecerunt et ipsis plene coram omnibus ibidem astantibus alta voce perlectis prefatus reverendus pater dominus Philippus Lincoln' episcopus ad promulgandum et omnia faciendum que tenor ipsarum litterarum exigebat exequendum prefato reverendo patri domino Thome Dunoln' episcopo college suo vices suas commisit et incontinenti idem reverendus pater Dunoln' episcopus ad execucionem dictarum litterarum procedens ea que sequuntur in scriptis tunc redactis legit et easdem litteras executus est publice in hunc modum. In dei nomine amen. Nos iudices et executores etc.[1] de verbo ad verbum usque ad hec verba. In quorum omnium testimonium etc.[1] [*Folio 33*] Et deinde commissa ulteriore execucione premissorum utriusque in alterum litteras suas tenorem subscriptam continentes et ipsorum sigillis pendentis sigillatas in valvis dicte ecclesie de Newark' et aliarum ecclesiarum maiorum dicte diocesis affigi decreverant, presentibus magistris Ricardo Holme dicti reverendi patris domini Dunoln' episcopi cancellario Johanne Hauberk' decretorum doctore Willelmo Burton' in legibus bacallario Roberto Scarle Roberto Stretton' Edmundo Langeford' Thoma Colston' et Thoma Hyll' notariis publicis Radulpho Huse Radulpho Bellers et Willelmo Compton' et aliis nobilibus tam clericis quam laicis in multitudine copiosa. Et adveniente crastina die, videlicet, quinto eiusdem mensis Decembris die marcato ville de Newerk' predicta affixe fuerunt dicte littere executorie prout suprascribuntur sigillo dictorum reverendorum patrum sigillate in magnis hostiis dicte ecclesie parochialis de Newerk' et ibidem fuerunt dimisse usque ad noctis tenebras eiusdem diei, presentibus in huiusmodi affixione magistris Johanne Hauberk'

[1] *Sic.*

et Willelmo Burton' Roberto Stretton' Thoma Colston' et Thoma Hyll' antedictis. Postmodum vero adveniente octavo die Concepcionis beate Marie virginis prefate littere executorie modo et forma predictis affixe fuerunt in valvis orientalibus[1] ecclesie cathedralis beate Marie Lincoln' ibidem dimisse usque ad occasum solis vel quasi ut omnes Christi fideles se in premissis culpabiles cognoscentes huiusmodi publicacionibus excitati et inducti beneficium absolucionis poterint petere et obtinere. Presentibus magistro Johanne Hauberk' et Thoma Hyll' notario publico predicto Johanne Somer clerico Johanne Hauberk' armigero et Willelmo Andrew clerico et aliis multis.

1408. Letter from the bishop of London (dated December 2nd), forwarding a mandate from Archbishop Arundel (dated November 30th), for Convocation to meet at St. Paul's on January 14th, to discuss matters relating to the Council of Pisa. The execution of the mandate in the diocese of Lincoln is notified.

Mandatum archiepiscopi Cant' pro convocacione cleri. Reverendo in Christo patri et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo Ricardus permissione divina London' episcopus salutem et sincere dileccionis continuum incrementum. Litteras reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Thome dei gracia Cant' archiepiscopi tocius Anglie primatis et apostolice sedis legati primo die mensis Decembris anno domini infrascripto reverenter recepimus in hec verba. Thomas permissione divina[2] (etc.) [*to Folio 34*]. Dat' in manerio nostro de Lamhith' ultimo die mensis Novembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} octavo, et nostre translacionis anno xiij^{mo}.

Verba episcopi London'. Quarum auctoritate litterarum vos reverende pater cum ea qua decet reverencia tenore presencium peremptorie citamus quatinus in dicta ecclesia sancti Pauli dicto xiiij^{o} die mensis Januarii cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum tunc sequencium et locorum coram prefato reverendissimo patre aut suis in hac parte locumtenentibus vel cuiuslibet si ipsum reverendissimum patrem quod absit tunc impediri contigerit ad huiusmodi negocium personaliter compareatis secundum dictarum litterarum exigenciam et effectum. Vobis eciam omnia et singula in eisdem litteris contenta per vos intimanda et denuncianda harum serie intimamus et denunciamus. Vobisque nichilominus auctoritate predicta firmiter iniungimus et mandamus quatinus omnia et singula in prefatis hic contenta quatinus vos ac civitatem et diocesim vestras necnon personas earundem concernunt iuxta vim formam et tenorem dictarum litterarum execucioni plenarie demandetis et faciatis una cum peticio ab eodem reverendissimo patre indulgenciis

[1] *Sic, recte* occidentalibus ?
[2] As *Concilia*, III, p. 311; *Reg. Bubwith*, I, p. 42.

prout ad vos attinet in hac parte efficaciter demandari, certificantes eundem reverendissimum patrem aut suos in hac parte locumtenentes vel commissarios distincte et aperte prout prefatis litteris fieri demandatur. Dat' sub sigillo nostro in manerio nostro de Fulham secundo die dicti mensis Decembris anno domini supradicto, et nostre translacionis anno secundo. Execute fuerunt littere supradicte in omnibus et per omnia quatenus reverendum in Christo patrem dominum Lincoln' episcopum civitatem et diocesim suas necnon personas earundem concernint iuxta vim formam et tenorem ipsarum litterarum una cum petitis a dicto reverendissimo patre indulgenciis. Et postmodum certificatum fuit iuxta earundem litterarum exigenciam et effectum etc.

1408/9. January 25th, Old Temple. Licence to Walter Swineshead, master of St. John's Hospital at Bedford, that he, or a chaplain at the hospital, may celebrate one anniversary, the permission to last for three years.

Memorandum quod xx^{mo} quinto die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} octavo apud Vetus Templum London' licenciatum fuit magistro Waltero Swyneshenede magistro hospitalis sancti Johannis Bedford' ut ipse seu unus capellanorum et confratrum dicti hospitalis poterit celebrare unum annale per triennium a dicta data continue numerandum etc.

1408/9. Old Temple. Letters dimissory to John Sherman (Shirman) of Pickworth by Folkingham (Pikworth' iuxta Folkyngham (January 18th), John Crowland (Crouland') (January 19th), Ralph Lockington (Lokyngton') (January 21st), John Nowers (January 22nd), William Burdall' (January 24th), John White (Whyte) (January 30th), and John Ward (February 3rd). [B.]

1408/9. Letter from the bishop of London (dated February 4th) forwarding a mandate from Archbishop Arundel (dated January 31st) for the collection of the subsidy of 4d. in the £ granted by Convocation for the expenses of delegates to the Council of Pisa. Bishop Repingdon receives the mandate on February 13th.

Mandatum pro collecione subsidii iiij^{or} denariorum de libra pro expensis procuratorum ad transeundum ad generale consilium.[1] Reverendo in Christo patri et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo Ricardus permissione divina London'[2] episcopus salutem et sincere dileccionis continuum incrementum. Litteras reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Thome dei gracia Cant' archiepiscopi tocius Anglie primatis et apostolice sedis legati tercio die presentis mensis Februarii reverenter recepimus in hec verba. Thomas permissione divina etc.[3] Ricardo etc.[3]

[1] Cf. *Reg. Bubwith*, I, pp. 48–49. [2] "Lincoln'" in MS. [3] *Sic.*

salutem et fraternam in domino caritatem. Cum nos ac ceteri prelati et clerus nostre Cant' provincie in ultima convocacione nostra prelatorum et cleri nostri huiusmodi in ecclesia vestra London' xiiij^to^ die mensis presentis Januarii per nos incepta et usque penultimum diem eiusdem mensis continuata concesserimus et concesserint pro expensis procuratorum per nos ac ipsos prelatos de consilio et assensu dicti cleri coniunctim electorum ad transeundum ad generale consilium celebrandum in partibus ultramarinis pro unione universalis ecclesie concedente altissimo reformanda unum subsidium de bonis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis quibuscumque dicte provincie taxatis et ad decimam solvere consuetis, et eciam de beneficiis et officiis non taxatis nec ad decimam solvere consuetis excedentibus summam centum solidorum iuxta veram estimacionem valoris annui eorundem per locorum episcopos in quibus huiusmodi beneficia vel officia situata existunt fiendam, videlicet, de qualibet libra quatuor denarios ad prefatum usum celeriter colligendos. Ita quod tres oboli de libra in ultima convocacione precedente concessi in ipsis quatuor denariis de libra supradictis computentur. Sic quod utraque concessio huius quatuor denarios de libra non excedat. Vobis igitur committimus et mandamus quatinus premissa primitus publicantes predictos quatuor denarios de libra de bonis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis huiusmodi infra diocesim vestram London' existentibus levetis seu levari faciatis, ac pecuniam inde collectam citra festum sancti Gregorii proximum futurum magistro Ricardo Brynkeley decano nostro ecclesie beate Marie de Arcubus London' sive magistro Johanni Perche curie nostre Cant' registrario communiter et divisim London' omni dilacione postposita persolvatis seu persolvi faciatis, ac omnibus et singulis venerabilibus fratribus suffraganeis nostris per nostram provinciam Cant' ubilibet constitutis premissa intimetis seu intimari faciatis, eisdem ex parte nostra mandantes, quibus eciam nos tenore presencium sic mandamus ut contenta in litteris nostris supradictis per singulas suas dioceses publicari faciant, et dictos quatuor denarios de libra quorumcumque beneficiorum et bonorum ecclesiasticorum huiusmodi in singulis suis diocesibus existencium levari consimiliter faciant iuxta concessionem predictam citra dictum festum sancti Gregorii proximum futurum prefatis magistro Ricardo Brynkley sive magistro Johanni Perche fideliter persolvendos. Dat' in manerio nostro de Lamheth' ultimo die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ octavo, et nostre translacionis anno tercio decimo.

Verba episcopi Lond'. Quarum auctoritate litterarum premissa in [*Folio 34v*] eisdem litteris contenta per vos intimanda harum serie intimamus vobis eciam auctoritate predicta cum ea qua decet reverencia firmiter iniungendo mandamus quatenus contenta in litteris supradictis per diocesim vestram publicari faciatis et dictos quatuor denarios de libra quorumcumque beneficiorum et bonorum ecclesiasticorum ac officiorum huiusmodi in eadem diocesi vestra

existencium levari consimiliter faciatis iuxta concessionem predictam citra dictum festum sancti Gregorii proximum futurum prefatis magistro Ricardo Brynkeley sive magistro Johanni Perche iuxta exigenciam et effectum earundem litterarum fideliter persolvendum. Dat' sub sigillo nostro in palacio nostro London' iiij^{to} die mensis Februarii, et nostre translacionis anno secundo. xiij^{mo} die eiusdem mensis Februarii anno domini supradicto receptum fuit prescriptum mandatum et demandatum fuit execucioni iuxta formam et exigenciam eiusdem mandati etc. ut in forma etc.

1408. Testament of Joan, widow of Robert de Appleby, merchant of Lincoln. Dated July 25th. Proved at Lincoln before the bishop's commissary, Robert Scarle, on February 16th, 1408/9.

Testamentum Johanne relicte Roberti de Appulby.[1] In dei nomine amen. Die mercurii in festo sancti Jacobi apostoli anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} viij^{o}, ego Johanna relicta Roberti de Appulby quondam civis et mercatoris Lincoln' sane mentis existens condo et ordino testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis do lego et commendo animam meam deo qui eam sacratissimo sanguine in ara crucis redemit et beate Marie matri sue virginis gloriose atque omnibus sanctis dei quatenus eorum precibus inclinatus dignetur eam secundum multitudinem misericordie sue in salvandorum munero collocare. Item lego cadaver meum sepeliendum infra ecclesiam sancti Benedicti Lincoln', videlicet in capella sancti Thome martiris iuxta sepulcrum Roberti Appulby nuper mariti mei cum optimo indumento nomine principalis. Item lego fabrice matris ecclesie beate Marie Lincoln' xl s. Item fabrice ecclesie sancti Benedicti xx s. Item fabrice ecclesie sancte Trinitatis ad gradus xx s. Fabrice ecclesie sancti Johannis Evangele in Wykford' xx s. et fabrice ecclesie sancte Marie in Wykford' xx s. Item lego Thome Barn' capellano x s. Item domino Johanni Welton' vj s. viij d. domino Petro Leggesby vj s. viij d. domino Johanni Stublyng xx s. domino Johanni Thymelby vj s. viij d. et Johanne Thymelby matri sue vj s. viij d. Item Willelmo Dunston' clerico vj s. viij d. et Alicie matri dicti Willelmi vj s. viij d. Item lego Petro de Saltby mercatori Lincoln' xx marcas argenti et unam peciam argenti et deauratam cum cooperculo eiusdem habentem stantem pedem. Item Willelmo Kyrkby de Lincoln' x marcas et alteram peciam argenti vocatam Byker eiusdem secte. Item domino Hugoni Walpole capellano x marcas argenti. Item Alicie uxori Roberti Botheby optimam meam peciam vocatam a Byker cum cooperculo eiusdem excepto uno. Item lego cuilibet conventui fratrum mendicancium Lincoln' xx s. Item domui et conventui de Thurgarton' x marcas argenti et conventui domus de Kyrkkebybellers x marcas argenti. Item conventui domus sancte Katerine extra Lincoln' xl s. Item

[1] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 108.

sororibus eiusdem domus x s. Et viduis pauperibus et orphanis ibidem commorantibus x s. Pauperibus in hospitali sancti Egidii commorantibus x s. Item lego Willelmo atte Kyrkestyle xl s. et cuilibet filiolo meo hoc testamento non ex proprio nomine designato xij d. Item fratri Ricardo Chesterfelde predicatori centum solidos ad celebrandum primo anno post decessum meum pro anima parentum maritorum meorum et omnium nostrorum benefactorum. Item lego domino Ricardo Teelby xx s. Item cuilibet capellano celebranti per annum in ecclesia sancti Benedicti antedicta tempore decessus mei iij s. iiij d. exceptis superius nominatis. Item cuilibet capellano venienti ad exequias et interessenti *Placebo* et *Dirige* et misse in crastino vj d. Illis vero qui tamen intersint *Placebo* et *Dirige* iiij d. Clericis eciam ecclesiarum ij d. Item volo ut habeam octo torchias communis ponderis et quinque cereos quelibet ponderis iiij librarum cere. Item lego Thome de Dalderby filiolo meo xl s. et Jacobi fratri suo xl s. Item lego Johanni de Welughby armigero unum Godettum argenti deauratum cum cooperculo eiusdem. Item Caterine Dalderby unum cingulum de indesylke hernesiatum cum argento et unum par precularum de auro cum uno diademate impressum. Item Johanne uxori Roberti Kele unum par precularum de lamber et unam crucem argenti et deauratam et v marcas argenti. Item Johanne famule mee xx s. Item magistro Henrico Repham rectori ecclesie de Wassyngburgh' unam peciam de forma calicis habentem pedem rotundam cum cooperculo eiusdem. Item lego Alicie de Hull' pedisseque mee unum lectum videlicet j douche[1] ij blanketes ij linthiamina unum coverled' cum suo tether et xl s. monete. Item volo et lego quod duo tenementa mea prout iacent in parochia sancte Marie de Wikford' in civitate Lincoln' cum omnibus et singulis pertinenciis suis vendantur per executores meos et moneta pro eisdem tenementis recepta expendatur ut una pars in missarum celebracione et secunda pars in elemosinarum largicione ubi magis necesse fuerit in civitate Lincoln' pro anima mea ac animabus Alexandri Herlley Roberti de Saltby et Roberti de Appulby quondam sponsorum meorum et animabus parentum nostrorum ac animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum misericordiam dei in purgatorio expectancium. Residuum vero omnium bonorum non legatorum volo ut expendatur inter pauperes cecos claudos et in lectis egrotantes per civitatem Lincoln' ad emendum eisdem prout quilibet ipsorum opus habuerit secundum maius vel minus lectualia stramina focalia linthiamina et vesturam. Huiusmodi autem testamenti ordino et constituo executores meos, videlicet, Petrum de Saltby de Lincoln' Willemum de Kyrkeby de eadem et dominum Hugonem Walpole capellanum ut ipsi de omnibus premissis satisfaciant legatis modo et forma supradictis. In quorum omnium premissorum testimonium presenti testamento in presencia domini Thome Barn' domini Johannis Toyndon' et domini Ricardi Teelby

[1] *Sic.*

capellanorum et aliorum ad hoc specialiter vocatorum sigillum meum apposui. Data et acta die et anno domini supradictis.

Approbacio. In dei nomine amen. Admissis probacionibus litteris super faccione testamenti bone memorie Johanne relicte Roberti de Appulby civis et mercatoris dum vixit civitatis Lincoln' iam defuncte bona quamplura mobilia tempore mortis sue in diversis diocesibus ut dicitur obtinentibus per nos Robertum Scarle clericum reverendum in Christo patris et domini domini Philippi [*Folio 35*] dei gracia Lincoln' episcopi commissarium in hac parte specialiter ac sufficienter et legitime deputatum ipsum testamentum site factum et legitime conditum ac pro eius valore pronunciavimus declaravimus ipsumque testamentum in forma iuris insinuavimus et approbavimus pro bonis eiusdem defuncte infra diocesim Lincoln' existentis. Cassatis primitus per nos probacione et insinuacione eiusdem testamenti factis per decanum Christianitatis Lincoln' quatenus de facto processerunt eciam per decretum pro eo quod ex causis premissis probacio approbacio testamenti predicti et pro ipsius valore pronunciacio administracionis que ipsius bonorum commissio compoti que administracionis reddicio audicio et finalis liberacio ab eadem ad eundem patrem et nullum alium iudicem inferiorem iure et nomine ecclesie sue Lincoln' ac ex consuetudine laudabili in hac parte usitata legitime que prescripta pertinuit pertinet et pertinere debeat prout tenor commissionis nobis in hac parte facte hoc clare innotuit et exigit, adminstracionem que bonorum dicti testamenti infra diocesim Lincoln' ut premittitur existencium Petro de Saltby Willelmo de Kyrkeby et domino Hugoni Walpole capellano executoribus eiusdem defuncte in testamento suo nominatis in forma iuris iuratis commisimus quam gratis et sponte in se susceperunt et acceperunt potestatem vero exigendum inventarium bonorum eorundem, calculum et compotum administracionis sue in premissis eidem reverendi patri seu nobis aut alii ipsius commissario in parte cuicumque specialiter reservantes. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum quo in talibus utimur de mandato dicti reverendi patris presentibus est appensum. Dat' Lincoln' xvj die mensis Februarii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} viij^{mo}.

Quarto kalendas Aprilis anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono Incipit annus quintus Consecracionis Reverendi in Christo patris et domini domini Philippi Repyngdon' dei gracia Lincolniensis Episcopi.

[*Folio 35*^{v}]

1409. April 20th, Old Temple. Licence to John Lammas (Lammasse), rector of Higham Gobion, to put his church to farm for three years. [D.]

1409. April 18th, Old Temple. Commission to Richard, bishop of Dromore, to receive the professions of certain nuns of Markyate Priory and Flamstead Priory. On April 23rd, the bishop of Dromore reports to Bishop Repingdon that the professions were received at Flamstead Priory on April 21st, with all proper formality, in the presence of William Burton, canon of London, and other witnesses.

Commissio ad recipiendum professiones certarum monialium domuum sancti Egidii iuxta Flamstede et sancte Trinitatis iuxta Markeyate. Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus venerabili patri domino Ricardo dei gracia Dromoren' episcopo salutem et sinceram in domino caritatem. Cum inter cetera que nostro incumbunt officio pastorali honestum et meritorium videatur mentes sacras per professionem tacitam in domino stabilitas regularis observancie passibus investiro ut per professionem expressam sponso suo Christo qui in celis est continuum exhibeant famulatum. Hinc est quod dileccione nostre filie Johanna North' Margareta Ferrour, Johanna Thorneburgh' et Matilda Rose domus sancte Trinitatis de Bosco iuxta Markeyate ordinis sancti Benedicti necnon Agnes Nowers et Gracia Nowers Elienora Tiringham Johanna Bydenham et Johanna Brudevell' domus sancti Egidii de Bosco iuxta Flamstede dicti ordinis commoniales ultra annos discreccionis constitute ac per gesturam habitus regularis per annum et ultra ordinibus supradictis competentis tacite sint professe ac eciam professionem expressam facere intendant ordinum predictorum ut tam ex fidedignorum quam nuncii nostri in hac parte specialiter iurati relacione infallibiliter nobis constat. Nos vero variis et arduis negociis prepediti quominus circa admissionem professionem dictarum monialium ad presens intendere valeamus ad admittendum igitur dictarum monialium professionem in sacras vestras manus faciendam necnon omnia alia et singula faciendum excercendum et expediendum que circa solempnitatem dicte professionis et eam concernencia necessaria fuerint seu quomodolibet oportuna, vobis tenore presencium committimus vices nostras, et quid feceritis in premissis dicto negocio expedito nobis debite certificetis. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Dat' in hospicio nostro apud Vetus Templum London' xviij^{mo} mensis Aprilis anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono, et nostre consecracionis anno quinto.

Certificatorium eiusdem. Et notandum quod xxiij^{o} die dicti mensis Aprilis anno domini supradicto in capella infra hospicium dicti reverendi patris domini mei Lincoln' episcopi apud Vetus Templum London' situata supradictus venerabilis pater dominus Ricardus Dromoren' episcopus personaliter constitutus certificavit unie vocis oraculo dicto reverendo patri domino Philippo Lincoln' episcopo ibidem eciam personaliter existenti quod xxj^{mo} die dicti mensis Aprilis in domo sive prioratu sancti Egidii de Bosco iuxta

Flamstede predicta anno domini supradicto professiones dictarum monialium in forma sibi commissa cum solempnitate in hac parte requisita recepit presentibus magistro Willelmo Burton' canonico London' domino Thoma Nassh' capellano Radulpho Husye armigero Edmundo Langford' et Thoma Hyll' notariis publicis. Hyll'.

1408/9. Testament of John Lindon, rector of Glaston. Dated March 12th. Proved before Bishop Repingdon at Liddington on May 1st, 1409.

Testamentum rectoris de Glaston'.[1] In dei nomine amen. In festo sancti Gregorii martiris anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ nono, ego Johannes Lyndon' clericus compos mentis ac sane memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo beate Marie et omnibus sanctis et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in cancello ecclesie sancti Andree de Glaston'. Item lego ecclesie parochialis de Glaston' predicte x marcas sterlingorum ad emendum vestimentum integrum. Item lego ecclesie parochiali de Lyndon' xx s. ad edificium dicte ecclesie. Item lego ecclesie parochiali de Pylton' xx s. Item ecclesie parochiali de Lyndon' duas towellas cum frontella. Item lego fratribus Carmelitis fratribus de ordine sancti Francisci fratribus predicatoribus et fratribus de ordine sancti Augustini Stamford' cuilibet ordini eorum decem solidos sterlingorum. Item cuilibet executorum meorum xx s. Item lego Johanni Hemstede capellano et cognato meo omnes libros qui fuerint Walteri Rycher capellani et avunculi mei quos quidem libros ego habui ex dono dicti Walteri. Item volo quod omnia legata contenta in cedula presentibus annexis fideliter compleantur. Ad huiusmodi autem testamenti fideliter execucionem faciendum constituo executores meos Nicholaum Grenham clericum Johannem Hemstede capellanum Thomam Corby de Uppingham et Johannem Sott' capellanum. Residuum vero bonorum meorum do et lego executoribus meis infrascriptis. Ita ut ipsi disponant pro salute anime mee prout eis videbitur melius expedire. Item volo quod Johannes Hemstede capellanus habeat omnia legata sua non obstante quod scripsit hoc testamentum. In quorum omnium testimonium huic presenti testamento meo sigillum meum apposui. Dat' die et anno domini supradictis.

Codicellus eiusdem. Hec est voluntas Johannis Lyndon' clerici propter ea qua scripta sunt in testamento suo facto die et anno domini ut patet in eodem testamento. In primis voluntas mea est dicit idem Johannes ut solvant ad emendacionem cuiusdam vie que vocatur Portgate ad finem ville de Glaston' x s. Item ad emendacionem cuiusdam pontis de Veynge x s. Item volo quod Robertus Sott habeat quatuor marcas si me supervixerit, quod si non habeat

[1] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 129.

duas marcas. Item volo quod executores mei solvant seu solvi faciant aule de Merton' Oxon' decem libras. Item volo quod Thomas Hardy habeat xxvj solidos et viij denarios. Item volo quod Robertus Rase habeat vj s. et viij d. Item volo quod Johannes Sondeman' habeat vj s. et viij d. Item volo quod Ricardus Wynter de Lyndon' habeat sex solidos et octo denarios. Item volo quod Johannes Hemstede de Eggiston' de bonis meis habeat xx s. vel valorem. Item volo quod Johannes Hemstede capellanus et cognatus meus habeat omnes libros que fuerunt Walter Richer capellani et avunculi mei quos quidem libros ego habui ex dona dicti domini Walteri. Item volo quod Willelmus Leynoth' capellanus meus habeat usus portiforii mei [*Folio 36*] ad terminum vite sue dum tamen idem Willelmus dictum librum honeste servet et securitatem faciat dictum librum reparare servare et deliberare quocienscumque vel quandocumque ab ipso Johanne requisitus fuerit. Item volo quod moniales iuxta Stamford' habeat xx s. secundum disposicionem executorum meorum. Item volo quod prior de Novo Loco iuxta Stamford' et eius canonici habeant xx s. secundum disposicionem executorum meorum. Item volo quod Willelmus Grenham de Seyton' habeat vj s. et viij d. Item volo quod Thomas Hardy habeat unam togam de russeto sine furrura.

Approbacio. Primo die mensis Maii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono apud Lidyngton' reverendus in Christo pater et dominus dominus Philippus dei gracia Lincoln' episcopus presens testamentum et ultimam voluntatem predictam coram eo exhibita et in forma iuris probata approbavit et rite et legitime fuisse condita et insinuata pronunciavit onus que administracionis bonorum execucionis testamenti et cedulo eorundem iuxta iuris exigenciam Nicholas Grenham Johanni Hemstede et Johanni Scott' executoribus in eodem testamento nominatis iuratis in forma iuris commisit ipsorum ad hoc accedente consensu et administracione huiusmodi per eos sponte admissa potestatem administracionem consimilem Thome Corby suo coexecutori in eodem testamento eciam nominato si eam in eventum admittere voluerit forma iuris committendum, necnon calculum et raciocinium administracionis et execucionis predictarum ab eisdem seu eadem reddendum cum ea audiendum exigerit sibi specialiter reservans. T. H.

1409. Letter from the bishop of London (dated April 30th), forwarding a mandate from Archbishop Arundel (dated April 20th) for the immediate collection of the subsidy granted in the previous Convocation. Bishop Repingdon receives the mandate on May 11th, transmits it to the archdeacons of the diocese, and notifies the archbishop that this has been done.

Mandatum archiepiscopi ad colligendum subsidium ut alias corripendo negligenciam et desidiam prelatorum. Reverendo

in Christo patri ac domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo Ricardo permissione divina London' episcopus salutem et fraternam in domino caritatem. Litteras reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Thome dei gracia etc. xxvij^{mo} die mensis Aprilis anno domini infrascripto reverenter recepimus in hec verba. Thomas permissione divina[1] (etc.). Dat' in manerio nostro de Lamheth' xx die mensis Aprilis anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono, et nostre translacionis anno terciodecimo.

Verba episcopi London'. Quarum auctoritate litterarum vos reverende pater tenore presencium districcius iniungendo mandamus quatinus negligenciam vestram et desidiam corripientes ad causam dei diligencius manus apponentis tales constituentes collectores ad dictum subsidium in diocesi vestra qui de dicto subsidio citra dominicam proximam post festum Ascensionis domini proximum iam futurum magistris Ricardo Brynkley et Johanni Perch' coniunctim vel divisim receptoribus eiusdem subsidii London' sub pena inobediencie et contemptus, quibus collectoribus plenam cohercionis potestatem omittatis ad procedendum auctoritate dicti reverendissimi patris per quemcumque viam iuris legitimam contra quoscumque in hac parte contradicentes vel rebellos exemptos vel non exemptos iuxta exigenciam et effectum litterarum predictarum ac contra ipsos et eorum loca seu ipsos si oportuerit citandum et citari faciendum peremptorie prout in litteris reverendissimi patris predictis superius est expressum ipsasque litteras quatenus vos ac civitatem et diocesim vestras et personas earundem concernunt iuxta exigenciam dictarum litterarum exequi per omnia faciatis. Vobis eciam auctoritate predicta mandamus quatinus dictum reverendissimum patrem citra prefatam dominicam post festum Ascensionis domini distincte certificetis et aperte quid feceritis in premissis prout in prefatis litteris fieri demandatur. Dat' sub sigillo nostro in manerio nostro de Fulham ultimo die mensis Aprilis anno domini supradicto [*Folio 36*^{v}] et nostre translacionis anno secundo. xj die mensis Maii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono apud Sleford' receptum fuit presens mandatum. Et deinde scriptum fuit singulis archidiaconis sub data apud Sleford' xij die eiusdem mensis Maii, et certificatum fuit sub data apud Sleford' xv^{to} die eiusdem mensis et anno domini supradicto secundum omnem vim formam et effectum ac exigenciam mandati memorati.

1409. May 16th, Boston. Admission of five Franciscan friars in accordance with the constitution " Super Cathedram ".

Admissio fratrum etc. Memorandum quod fratres Simon Holcote Ricardus Barton' Hugo Barton' Thomas Broun Robertus Colman xvj die Maii anno domini supradicto apud sanctum Botulphum per ministrum ordinis fratrum minorum legitime presentati

[1] As *Concilia*, III, p. 320.

iuxta tenorem constitucionibus "Super Cathedram" etc. per dominum fuerunt admissi.

1409. May 24th, Sleaford. Licence to Thomas Cardon, rector of Wymondham, for non-residence during a specified period.

Vicesimo quarto die mensis Maii anno domini supradicto apud Sleford' dominus tolleravit Thomam Cardon' rectorem ecclesie parochialis de Wymundeham quod possit absentare se a dicta ecclesia sua hinc ad festum Michaelis proximum iam futurum etc. ut in forma.

1409. June 1st, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to John Porchet and John Harpole (Horipell'), to all orders. [B.]

1409. April 26th, Sleaford. Licence to Richard Brayton (Brayton'), rector of Glatton, subdeacon, for non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause "Cum ex eo". [C.]

1409. June 15th. Grant of an indulgence to those who contribute towards the rebuilding of Tattershall church and belfry.

Tatteshale indulgencia. Item xv die mensis Junii anno domini supradicto emanavit indulgencia pro refeccione ecclesie et campanilis de Tatteshale de hinc ad festum Michaelis proximum iam futurum duraturum.

1409. Testament of John Huntingdon. Dated June 17th at Wakerley. Proved before Bishop Repingdon at Sleaford on [? July] 12th.

Testamentum Johanni Huntyngdon'.[1] In dei nomine amen. Ego Johannes Huntyngdon' sane memorie et compos mentis die lune in festo sancti Botulphi anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo omnipotenti et beate Marie et societati omnium sanctorum et corpus meum ad sepeliendum ubi contingat me mori. Item lego ecclesie parochiali de Swyneshede nomine principalis unum vestimentum et unum calicem si contingat me mori ibidem. Item lego fabrice ecclesie abbathie de Swynneshede vj s. viij d. Item lego abbati ibidem si me contingat sepeliri apud Swyneshede interessenti ad exequias meas vj s. viij d. et cuilibet monacho ibidem interessenti ad easdem iij s. iiij d. Item lego fabrice ecclesie parochialis de Swyneshede vj s. viij d. Item lego capellanis ibidem interessentibus exequiis meis et hominibus pulsantis campanas vj s. viij d. per supervisum rectoris ibidem inter eos distribuendum. Item lego fabrice ecclesie Lincoln' xiij s. iiij d. Item fabrice ecclesie de Botesford' xx s. Item fabrice ecclesie de Barkeston' xx s. Item

[1] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 126.

fabrice ecclesie de Wakerley xiij s. iiij. d. Item lego abbathie de Berlynges pro ij torches xiij s. iiij d. Item ecclesie de Croxton' in abbathia pro consimili xiij s. iiij d. Item prioratui de Beauver ad fabricam claustri eiusdem xx s. Item abbathie de Valle Dei pro ij torches xiij s. iiij d. Item prioratui de Sempyngham pro consimili xiij s. iiij d. et fabrice ecclesie eiusdem xiij s. iiij d. Item abbathie de Croylande c s. Item abbathie de Thorney pro ij torches xiij s. iiij d. Item abbathie de Bardeney pro consimili xiij s. iiij d. Item ecclesie de Radmylde pro consimili vj s. viij d. Item ecclesie parochiali de Swyneshede pro consimili xiij s. iiij d. Item lego ecclesie de Syxill' pro consimili vj s. viij d. Item ecclesie Fynneshede pro consimili vj s. viij d. Item lego cuilibet moniali de Syxill' xx d. et cuilibet sorori ibidem xij d. et tribus filiabus Cumberworth' monialibus ibidem pro matrasse sibi emendis xv s. Item cuilibet moniali de Catteley xx d. Item monialibus de Haverholme vj s. viij d. inter se distribuendum. Item lego ij capellanis apud Thorney xl s. Item lego cuilibet ordini fratrum Stamford' vj s. viij d. Item cuilibet ordini fratrum de Boston' vj s. viij d. Item lego monialibus apud Stamford' vj s. viij d. Item fratribus Augustinen' apud Lynne xx s. Item lego tribus capellanis celebrantibus pro me per unum annum integrum xv libras. Item lego gilde sancte Marie de sancto Botulpho xiij s. iiij d. Item lego tribus capellanis ad celebrandum unum trentale sancti Gregorii post mortem meam vj marcas. Item lego fratri meo centum solidos. Item Roberti servienti meo lxvj s. viij d. et lectum meum cotidianum et unum equum. Item lego uxori fratris mei vj coclearia argenti cum uno cace. Et volo quod sint nisi duo cerei circa corpus meum in die sepulture mee unus ad caput et alius ad pedes quilibet de viridi cere. Item lego domino meo unum par precum de corall' cum firmaculo et gaudiis de auro. Item Willelmo Auncell' loricam meam. Item Willelmo Fawell' cingulum meum de nigro serico et cicam meam. Item vicario de Sleford' unam togam de mounstrevellers furratam cum funes et omnes pelles meas de funes ij exteris. Item domino Willelmo Hoghton' aliam togam nigram furratam cum funes et fecheus et ij pelles de funes et vj pelles de fycheus. Item domino Thome Barnabe aliam togam furratam cum fycheus et residuum pellum de fycheus. Item domino Ricardo meam togam de nigro wurstede. Item domino Willelmo Gaynesburgh' unum pelium de laton cum lavacro. Item Johanni del Botry optimam togam meam cum capucio de liberate. Item lego Waltero Pedewardy unum arblastum. Item rectori de Swyneshede optimum par linthiaminum meorum. Item Johanni Henege unum ciphum argenti cum cooperculo. Item Ricardo Wolmer j basnette. Item lego tenentibus meis de Botesford' et Barkeston' prout patet in cedula inclusa. Item lego Cheyne[1] unum matrasse et lanceam meam cum cerotecis de plate. Item lego Simoni Luffenham unum pelvem rotundum cum uno chasur. Item

[1] *Sic.*

Ricardo Fryth' unum novum par linthiaminum factum de panne Willelmi Auncell'. Item lego summo altari de Barkeston' pro consecracione vj virgatas panni linei. Item Johanni Ryngstede unum pelvem rotundum. Item rectori de Wakerley lectum blodium de wurstede. Item lego servientibus domini mei c s. inter se distribuendos per executores meos. Item prioratui de Grenfelde xiij s. iiij d. Item lego Ricardo Fryth' causa laboris sui xx s. Ad execucionem istius testamenti mei faciendum ordino et constituo executores meos Johannem Henege et Ricardum Fryth'. Residuum vero bonorum meorum non legatorum do et lego prefato Johanni et Ricardo ut ipsi disponant pro anima mea prout sibi viderint melius expedire. In cuius rei testimonium huic ultime voluntati mee sigillum meum apposui, presentibus rectore ecclesie de Wakerley Willelmo Fawell' et Simone Luffenham. Dat' apud Wakerley die et anno supradictis. Tenor cedule incluse sequitur in hec verba.[1] Apud Bottesford' Henrico Sitheston' vj s. viij d. [*Folio 37*] Johanne Dey xl d. Rogero Huntyngdon' x s. Willelmo Horn' ij s. Willelmo Dynys ij s. Nicholao Taylour ij s. Johanni Wynark iij s. iiij d. Roberto Cok' xl d. Johanni Smyth' xx d. Johanne Aleyn xl d. Apud Barkeston' Johanni Brynghirst et uxori eius xl d. Johanni Mara[. . . . . .][2] et uxori eius xiij s. iiij d. Willelmo Person' xl d.

Approbacio. xij die Junii[3] anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono apud Sleford' coram reverendo in Christo patre et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo exhibitum et probatum fuit dictum testamentum et per eundem reverendum patrem in forma iuris approbatum et insinuatum ac pro valore eiusdem pronunciatum fuit testamentum ipsum rite fuisse et esse conditum, commissaque fuit administracio omnium et singulorum bonorum dictum defunctum et eius testamentum concernencium et infra diocesim Lincoln' existencium Ricardo Fryth' executori in eodem testamento nominato in forma iuris iurato, potestate consimilem administracionem Johanni Henege coexecutori suo in eodem testamento nominato cum venerit et eam admittere voluerit committendi ac compoto calculo et raciocinio administracionis sue huiusmodi eidem reverendo patri reservatis.

1409. July 3rd, Sleaford. Indulgence of forty days promised to all those who contribute towards the chapel of St. Mary in Chicksands Priory.

Chicksand indulgencia. Tercio die Julii apud Sleford' anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono moniales de Chiksand' obtinuerunt indulgenciam xl dierum omnibus qui ad capellam beate Marie infra prioratum suum donaverint aliqua subsidia caritatis etc. per annum duraturum.

[1] Marginal note: "cedula inclusa."
[2] The last part of the surname is illegible.
[3] *Sic, recte* Julii ?

1409. Mandate from the bishop of London (dated May 20th) directing the publication of Archbishop Arundel's provincial constitutions against heresy. The full text of the constitutions is given. On June 28th, the bishop of Lincoln directs the archdeacons of the diocese to publish the mandate and the constitutions, and notifies the archbishop that this has been done.

MANDATUM ARCHIEPISCOPI AD PUBLICANDUM CONSTITUCIONES PROVINCIALES. Reverendo in Christo patri et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo Ricardus permissione divina London' episcopus salutem et sincere dileccionis continuum incrementum. Litteras reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Thome dei gracia Cant' archiepiscopi tocius Anglie primatis et apostolice sedis legati nuper reverenter recepimus, tenorem qui sequitur continentes. Thomas permissione divina[1] (etc.). Dat' in castro nostro de Quenburgh' xiij die mensis Aprilis anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono, et nostre translacionis anno terciodecimo. Quarum auctoritate litterarum copias dictarum constitucionum sub sigillo et litteris nostris seriem litterarum reverendissimi patris predictarum continentibus, vobis reverendo patri transmittimus auctoritate predicta firmiter iniungentes, cui eciam dictus reverendissimus pater huiusmodi litterarum suarum tenore iniungit quatinus in civitate et diocesi vestris prout ad vos attinet prefatas constituciones in synodis vestris et capitulis iuxta canonicas et provinciales constituciones in ea parte editas canonice publicetis seu sic faciatis debite publicari, certificantes prefatum reverendissimum patrem citra dictum festum sancti Johannis Baptiste proximum futurum debite et distincte prout in prefatis litteris fieri demandatur. Dat' sub sigillo nostro in manerio nostro de Fulham xx die mensis Maii anno domini supradicto, et nostre translacionis anno secundo.

The text of the thirteen constitutions[2] follows, each one being numbered in the margin. [*to Folio 39*].

[*Folio 39*]

Vicesimo octavo die mensis Junii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono apud Sleford' recepto prescripto mandato cum constitucionibus scriptum fuit singulis archidiaconis cum tenoribus dictorum mandati et constitucionum, quod easdem constituciones in singulis archidiaconatibus in singulis synodys et capitulis celebrandas iuxta et secundum formam constitucionum provincialium in ea parte editarum ac dicti mandati tenorem et effectum debite publicarent et per alios sic facerent publicari et quod certificarent de factis singulis in hac parte citra festum Omnium Sanctorum etc. et postmodum certificatum fuit reverendissimo patri domino Cant' archiepiscopo iuxta exigenciam mandati predicti etc. ut in forma consueta.

[1] As *Concilia*, III, p. 314. [2] *Ibid.*, pp. 315–319.

1409. July 26th, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to John Woodstock (Wodestoke), to all orders. [B.]

1409. August 6th, Sleaford. Admission of Thomas Bramley, Austin friar, in accordance with the constitution "Super Cathedram".

F. Thomas Bramle adm'. Item vj° die mensis Augusti anno domini millesimo cccc^mo nono apud Sleford' venit quidam frater Thomas Bramle ordinis fratrum heremitarum sancti Augustini et exhibuit litteras provincialis sui iuxta constitucionem "Super Cathedram" etc. ut in forma consueta.

1409. August 6th, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to Robert Youle (Yole), having the first tonsure, to all orders. [B.]

1409. August 27th, Stow Park. Commission to John Southam and John Kele, canons of Lincoln, to hear and determine a suit brought for defamation.

Item xxvij die mensis Augusti anno etc. nono apud Parcum Stowe commissum fuit magistris Johanni Southam et Johanni Kele ecclesie Lincoln' canonicis ad procedendum in quadam causa diffamacionis inter Thomam Lynne et Johannem uxorem eius de parochia sancti Botulphi Lincoln' partem actricem et Agnetam Pensax Aliciam Penhorn' et Aliciam Pope de eadem parochia partem ream et eandem causam decidendum et terminendum etc. et certificandum causa terminata etc. ut in forma.

1409. September 11th, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to Thomas Fletcher to all orders not yet attained, provided that he is suitably qualified.

Fletcher di'. Undecimo die mensis Septembris anno etc. nono apud Sleford' concesse fuerunt littere dimissorie Thome Fletcher Lincoln' diocesis ad omnes tam minores quam sacros ordines quos nondum est assecutus etc. a quocumque episcopo catholico sedis apostolice graciam sui que officii execucionem obtinente sibi que sacras manus imponere volente, dum tamen litteratura moribus etate et condiccione inventus fuerit ydoneus titulum que exhibuerit sufficientem et aliud canonicum non obsistat.

[*Folio 39^v*]

1409. Testament of Robert Paynell of Swaby. Dated August 1st. Proved before Bishop Repingdon at Sleaford on September 14th.

Testamentum Paynell'.[1] In dei nomine amen. Coram discretis viris Roberto Carnaby capellano parochialis ecclesie sancti Nicholai

[1] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 131.

de Swaby Lincoln' diocesis Thoma de la Hauf de eadem Johanne Baudewyn' de eadem et Simone Taylour de eadem, cum multis aliis presentibus ad hoc specialiter vocatis et rogatis. Ego Robertus Paynell' de Swaby sane mentis et memorie existens primo die mensis Augusti anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono apud Swaby condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo beate Marie et omnibus sanctis et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia sancti Nicholai de Swaby cum equo meo principali nomine mortuarii. Item lego xl s. fabrice ecclesie sancti Nicholai predicti de Swaby. Residuum vero bonorum meorum non legatorum dedi et deliberavi Margarete Swaby[1] uxori mee Roberto Carnaby capellano predicto Thome de la Hauf de Swaby et Johanni Baudewyn' de eadem quos executores meos constituo ut et ipsi fideliter ministrent ordinent et disponent de omnibus bonis et catallis meis non nominatis sicut pro salute anime mee in elemosinis dandis et alia opera misericordie et pietatis faciendum peroptime viderint expedire. Acta sunt hec die loco et anno domini supradictis.

Approbacio eiusdem. xiiij^{o} die mensis Septembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono apud Sleford' exhibitum fuit presens testamentum coram reverendo in Christo patre etc. Philippo Lincoln' episcopo et probatum ac per ipsum approbatum et insinuatum, commissaque fuit administracio cum bonorum ipsum defunctum et eius testamentum concernencium Margarete relicte dicti defuncti Thome de la Hauf et Johanni Baudewyn' executores in eodem testamento nominatis iuratis in forma iuris, potestate consimilem administracionem committendi domino Roberto Carnaby capellano coexecutore suo cum eam admittere voluerit ac compoto calculo et raciocinio administracionis sue dicto reverendo patri reservatis.

1409. September 16th. Licence to John Burton, chaplain, to celebrate divine services in the chapel of St. Leonard, near Grimsby.

xvj die mensis Septembris dominus Johannes Burton' capellanus obtinuit licenciam celebrandi divina in capella sancti Leonardi iuxta Grymesby.

Same date. Letters dimissory to Richard Thoresway (Thoreswey), son of Thomas Thoresway, acolyte, to all orders. [B.]

1409. September 21st, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to William Ward, rector of Waltham in Lindsey (Lyndesey) and Richard Welton, acolyte, to all orders. [B.]

1409. September 22nd. Letters dimissory to Thomas Godfrey, to all orders. [B.]

[1] *Sic.*

1409. September 23rd. Licence for the private celebration of divine services to Agnes, widow of John Turvey, of Osgodby.

Item xxiij° die eorundem mensis et anni licenciatum fuit Agneti Tourvey relicte Johannis Tourvey quod possit facere celebrari divina in capella in hameletta de Osgotby infra parochia de Kyrkeby nostre diocesis situata dumtamen etc. in sua ac liberorum et familiarium necnon pauperum quos in remedium anime mariti sui et omnium fidelium defunctorum exhibet per triennium etc. ut in forma in aliis usitata.

1409. September 26th, Sleaford. Licence to Robert Bilton (Bylton'), rector of Braunston (Braunston'), near Daventry, to put his church to farm for four years. [D.]

1408/9. Nullification of a chantry in South Kelsey parish church. The chantry had been founded by Robert of Harton, rector of Thornton le Moor, in memory of William Kelsey. At the time of its foundation, the prior of Elsham had undertaken to pay the chaplain six marks a year, from a sum provided for the purpose, and had been allowed to appropriate Bigby parish church, the revenues to help towards the upkeep of the chantry. The irregularity of the proceedings having since lain heavily on his conscience, Robert of Harton now wishes to renounce all his rights in connection with the chantry, and a deed of annulment is drawn up by Edmund Langford, notary, in Thornton parish church on March 14th, 1408/9. The annulment of the chantry is formally ratified by Bishop Repingdon at Nettleham, in the presence of the prior of Elsham and Robert Stretton, proctor of Robert of Harton, on March 16th, 1408/9.

Cassacio et denunciacio cuiusdam cantarie in ecclesia de Southkelsey.[1] Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes litteras nostras seu presens publicum instrumentum inspecturis aut quos infrascriptum tangit negocium seu tangere poterit quomodolibet in futurum, Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus salutem in domino et memoriam perpetuam rei geste. Universitati vestre innotescimus per presentes quod sedentibus nobis in capella infra manerium nostrum de Nettilham nostre diocesis Lincoln' iudicialiter pro tribunali comparuerunt religiosus vir frater Ricardus Ouresby prior prioratus de Elsham ordinis sancti Augustini dicte nostre diocesis pro se ac conventu et prioratu suo predicto, necnon discretus vir magister Robertus Stretton' clericus procurator discreti viri domini Roberti de Harton' rectoris ecclesie parochialis de Thornton' in la More prefate Lincoln' diocesis ad infrascripta et in causa seu negocio subscriptis sufficienter deputati prout per instrumentum publicum signo et subscripccione magistri Edmundi Langford' notarii subscripti signatum liquet manifeste. Et deinde

[1] Marginal note: "Processus Elsham'."

prefatus magister Robertus procurator nomine dicti domini Roberti quandam renunciacionem sive cessionem iuris status et possessionis quem dictus dominus Robertus habebat in fundacione cuiusdam cantarie unius capellani in ecclesia parochiali beate Marie de Southkellesey prefata Lincoln' diocesis pro anima bone memorie domini Willelmi Kellesey defuncti ac animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum perpetuis futuris temporibus duraturis celebraturi per ipsum dominum Robertum de Harton' fundate create et ordinate animo et intencione dictam cantariam ex causis in eadem renunciacione sive cessione plenius expressatis, quatenus in eo fuit annullandum cassandum et penitus enervandum prout per instrumentum publicum signo et subscripccione eiusdem magistri Edmundi notarii predicti luculencius apparet fecit legit exhibuit realiter et ostendit, cuius tenor sequitur in hec verba. In dei nomine amen. Per presens publicum instrumentum cunctis appareat manifeste quod anno ab incarnacione domini secundum cursum et computacionem ecclesie Anglicane millesimo cccc^{mo} octavo Indiccione secunda Pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Gregorii divina providencia pape xij^{mi} anno tercio et mensis Marcii die xiiij in ecclesia parochiali de Thornton' in la More Lincoln' diocesis in mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presencia personaliter constitutus discretus vir dominus Robertus de Harton' rector ecclesie parochialis de Thornton' predicta quo ad cantariam infrascriptam quandam renunciacionem iuris status et possessionis que in fundacione eiusdem cantarie habebat et sue voluntatis expressione [*Folio 40*] verborum tenorem qui sequitur continentes fecit et plenarie exposuit. Tunc ibidem licet ad instanciam et procuracionem meas servato iuris ordine requisitis que omnibus et singulis in hac parte requirendis quadam cantarie unius capellani divina pro anima domini Willelmi Kellesey defuncti et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum in ecclesia parochiali de Southkellesey perpetuis temporibus duraturis celebraturi pro me fundata erecta extiterit et creata religiosique viri prior et conventus prioratus de Elsham ordinis sancti Augustini diocesis antedicte percepta quadam summa pecunie ducentarum marcarum premanibus ad sustentacionem capellani dicti cantarie in ecclesia subdicta celebraturi successores que eiusdem futuris temporibus faciend' de solvendo annuatim dicto capellano eiusque successoribus futuris perpetuis temporibus duraturis certis anni terminis sex marcas legalis monete sub certis modo et forma promiserunt et tam se quam prioratum ac successores suos realiter obligaverunt. Quia tamen citra tempus ereccionis et fundacionis cantarie supradicte prefati religiosi viri adhuc me in humanis agente dictam summam ducentarum marcarum xx^{to} iiij^{or} marcas dumtaxat exceptis ad sustentacionem capellani antedicti integraliter persolverunt fuissetque quedam ecclesia parochialis de Bekeby per me ad usum et commodum dictorum religiosi et ad relevamen et supportacionem oneris capellani cantarie

antedicte unienda annectenda et approprianda prout in primaria fundacione dicte cantarie inter dictos religiosos viros et me ac ceteros amicos meos fuerat conventum et plenarie concordatum. Revolvens tamen ante oculos mee mentis quod dicta ecclesia prefatis religiosis viris et eorum prioratui per me appropriari annecti seu uniri non poterit quovismodo unde stimulo mee consciencie ductus prospicio quod si dicti religiosi viri et eorum successores ad dictam summam sex marcarum ad usum antedictum futuris perpetuis temporibus onerarentur quod huiusmodi onus pocius in anime mee detrimentum tenderet quam levamen dictorumque religiosorum virorum et eorum prioratum destruccionem et enervacionem manifestas. Volens igitur animam meam a tanto et tali periculo eruere et liberare quantum possum necnon dictis viris religiosis et eorum prioratui futuris temporibus provideri omni iuri titulo et possessione quod et quas habeo huiusmodi seu quovis colore habere potero infuturum in ordinacione fundacione et ereccione cantarie prenominate, necnon omnibus et singulis promissionibus et obligacionibus et aliis evidenciis quibuscumque per que dicti religiosi viri ad premissa onera supportanda michi heredibus et executoribus meis seu cuicumque alteri sub quacumque forma verborum sunt et fuerunt obligati non metu collusione seu dolo ductus sed pure sponte et absolute de consensu dictorum religiosorum virorum et aliorum quorum interest in hac parte renuncio in hiis scriptis et ea omnia pro non factis haberi volo in futurum. Acta sunt hec prout suprascribuntur et recitantur sub anno domini Indiccione Pontificatu mense die et loco predictis, presentibus tunc ibidem discretis viris magistro Johanne Courteys notario publico et Willelmo Trayte laico Lincoln' et Ebor' diocesium testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis. Et ego Edmundus Langford' clericus Sarum diocesis publicus sacro auctoritate apostolica notarius premissis omnibus et singulis dum sic ut premittitur sub anno Indiccione Pontificatu mense die et loco predictis agerentur et fierent una cum testibus prenominatis presens interfui ea que omnia et singula sic fieri vidi et audivi scripsi publicavi et in hanc publicam formam redegi signoque et nomine meis solitis et consuetis signavi rogatus et requisitus in fidem et testimonium omnium et singulorum premissorum. Tenor vero procuratorii supradicti sequitur in hunc modum. In dei nomine amen. Per presens publicum instrumentum cunctis appareat manifeste quod anno ab incarnacione domini secundum cursum et computacionem ecclesie Anglicane millesimo cccc^{mo} octavo Indiccione secunda Pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Gregorii divina providencia pape xij^{mi} anno tercio mensis Marcii die xiiij in ecclesia parochiali de Thornton' in la More Lincoln' diocesis in mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presencia personaliter constitutus discretus vir dominus Robertus de Harton' rector ecclesie parochialis de Thornton' predicta discretos viros magistros Robertum Stretton' Thomam Colston' et Johannem

Courteys notarios publicos ordinavit fecit et constituit suos procuratores negociorum gestores et nuncios speciales dedit que et concessit idem constituens eisdem procuratoribus suis coniunctim et divisim et cuilibet eorum in solidum ita quod occupantis condicio melior non existat sed quod unus eorum valeat mediare et finire plenam et liberam potestatem et mandatum speciale nomine suo et pro ipso ad comparendum coram reverendo in Christo patre et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo seu commissariis suis quibuscumque predicto reverendo patri vice et nomine suis astando ad petendum ab eodem reverendo patre cessionem sive annullacionem iuris status possessionis ac fundacionis cuiusdam cantarie unius capellani divina pro anima domini Willelmi Kellesey defuncti et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum in ecclesia de Southkellesey Lincoln' diocesis antedicte celebraturi, que cantaria per ipsum fundata et creata fuerat et extat in presenti. Causas que cessionis et annullacionis eiusdem cantarie coram eodem reverendo patre proponendum et allegandum et si opus fuerit probandum ordinacioni disposicioni decreto laudo et arbitrio dicti reverendi patris consenciendum et eadem nomine suo admittendum ac in dictarum cessionis et annullacionis materia predictam cantariam concernente procedendum et procedi videndum sicuti eis et eorum alicui videbitur expedire usque ad finalem et effectualem expedicionem materie prelibate. Et generaliter omnia alia et singula [*Folio 40v*] faciendum excercendum et expediendum que in premissis aut aliquo premissorum necessaria fuerint seu eciam oportuna eciam si talia forent que mandatum de se magis exigerint speciale pro eisdem procuratoribus suis seu eorum aliquo rem ratam haberi iudicio sisti et iudicatum solvi si necessitas requirat cum omnibus suis clausulis quisquid per dictos suos procuratores vel eorum aliquem actum gestum seu procuratum fuerit in premissis seu aliquo premissorum sub ypotheca et obligacione omnium bonorum suorum promisit dictus constituens michi notario infrascripto et exposuit cauciones. Super quibus idem constituens me notarium requisivit facere publicum instrumentum. Acta sunt hec prout suprascribuntur et recitantur sub anno Indiccione Pontificatu mense die et loco predictis, presentibus tunc ibidem discretis viris Johanne Courteys iuniori et Willelmo Trayte laico Lincoln' et Ebor' diocesium testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis. Et ego Edmundus Langford' clericus Sarum diocesis publicus sacra auctoritate apostolica notarius premissis omnibus et singulis dum sic ut premittitur sub anno Indiccione Pontificatu mense die et loco predictis agerentur et fierent una cum testibus prenominatis presens interfui ea que omnia et singula sic fieri vidi et audivi scripsi publicavi et in hanc publicam formam redegi signo et nomine meis solitis et consuetis signavi rogatus et requisitus et in fidem et testimonium omnium premissorum. Post cuius . . . . . .[1] renunciacionis

[1] Illegible, owing to stain on MS.

sive cessionis lecturam tam dictus frater Ricardus prior pro se et conventu ac prioratu suo predicto quam eciam magister Robertus procurator predictus nomine domini sui predicti penes nos multipliciter insteterunt nobisque cum instancia non modica supplicarunt quatinus causis supradictis pauperitate que notaria qua dicti religiosi laborant diligenter attentis ponderatis et consid[eratis] fundacionem ereccionem et ordinacionem cantarie eiusdem in quantum de facto processerunt ex causis eisdem dissolvere cassare irritare vacuare et annullare ac pro dissolutis cassatis irritis vacuis et nullis pronunciare et declarare auctoritate nostra pontificali dignaremur. Unde causis huiusmodi per nos diligenter attentis ponderatis et consideratis auditis que per nos visis et discussis fundacione ordinacione et ereccione ac dotacione cantarie supradicte habita que super hiis omnibus et singulis cum iurisperitis nobis in hac parte assidentibus deliberacione sufficientia et matura prefatas ordinacionem ereccionem et fundacionem in quantum de facto processerunt et quicquid exinde secutum fuerat necnon quascumque obligaciones promissiones et pacta quecumque inter prefatos dominum Robertum de Harton' fundatorem ac priorem et conventum prioratus de Elsham antedicta seu alias personas quascumque ob id ve ea occasione facta inita et interposita sive habita consensu et assensu omnium et singulorum in hac parte interesse habencium seu habere debencium intervenientibus ad instantem peticionem predicti magistri Roberti Stretton' procuratoris supradicti servatis in hac parte servandis auctoritate nostra ordinaria dissolvimus cassamus irritamus evacuamus et annullamus ac pro dissolutis cassatis irritis vacuis et nullis viribus que carere et carere debere annunciamus et declaramus sub hac forma verborum. In dei nomine amen. Auditis visis et discussis per nos Philippum dei gracia Lincoln' episcopum fundacione et dotacione cantarie unius capellani divina pro animabus domini Willelmi Kellsey defuncti et omnium fidelium defunctorum in ecclesia parochiali de Southkellesey perpetuis temporibus celebraturi per dominum Robertum de Harton' rectorem ecclesie parochialis de Thornton' in la More nostre diocesis nuper create erecte et fundate ex certis causis veris iustis et legitimis nos ac hoc moventibus ac eciam ad instanciam et frequentem rogatum dicti fundatoris et ex expresso consensu eiusdem ac eciam omnium aliorum quorum interest seu interesse poterit in hac parte. Nos Philippus episcopus supradictus prehabita deliberacione super premissis et quolibet premissorum cantariam supradictam quatenus de facto processit quicquid que exinde vel ob hanc secutum est necnon pacta promissiones ac obligaciones quecumque inter quascumque personas et a quibuscumque pretextu dicte cantarie inita habita et interposita sive facta auctoritate nostra ordinaria dissolvimus cassamus irritamus vacuamus et annullamus ymo dissoluta cassa irrita vacua atque nulla viribus que carere et carere debere pronunciamus et declaramus in hiis scriptis. In quorum

omnium et singulorum testimonium atque fidem presentes litteras nostras seu presens publicum instrumentum per magistrum Edmundum Langford' notarium infrascriptum nostrum que in hac parte actorum scribam scribi et publicari sigillique nostri Pontificatus appensione visimus communiri. Data et acta fuerunt hec omnia et singula prout suprascribuntur et recitantur sub anno ab incarnacione domini secundum cursum et computacionem ecclesie Anglicane millesimo cccc^{mo} octavo Indiccione secunda Pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Gregorii divina providencia pape xij^{mi} anno tercio mensis Marcii die decimo sexto in capella infra manerium de Nettelham supradicta, presentibus tunc ibidem venerabili viro magistro Willelmo Burton' in legibus bacallario canonico in ecclesia cathedrali sancti Pauli London' ac domino Roberto Wermyngton' rectore ecclesie parochialis de Wyberton' Thoma Nassh' capellano et magistro Thoma Colston' notario publico Lincoln' diocesis testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis. Et ego Edmundus Langford' clericus Sarum diocesis publicus sacra auctoritate apostolica notarius dictique reverendi patris et domini domini Philippi dei gracia Lincoln' episcopi in hac parte actorum scriba premissis omnibus et singulis dum sic ut premittitur sub anno Indiccione Pontificatu mense die et loco proximis superius per dictum reverendum patrem descriptis agerentur et fierent [*Folio 41*] una cum prenominatis magistro Willelmo Burton' Roberto Wermyngton' Thoma Nassh' et Thoma Colston' presens personaliter interfui eaque omnia et singula sic fieri vidi et audivi scripsi publicavi et de mandato dicti reverendi patris in hanc publicam formam redegi signoque et nomine meis solitis et consuetis una cum appensione sigilli pontificalis supradicti reverendi patris signavi et me hic subscripsi rogatus et requisitus in fidem et testimonium omnium et singulorum premissorum.

1409. September 29th, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to Henry Gerbrigge (Gerberge), having the first tonsure, to all orders. [B.]

1409. October 1st. Letters dimissory to Thomas Walker of Croxton, having the first tonsure, to all orders. [B.]

1409. October 8th. Indenture between Bishop Repingdon and the abbot and convent of Revesby for an annual payment of forty shillings to the bishop for the appropriation of Frodingham parish church. The deed of appropriation was drawn up on October 7th, on the ground of the abbey's diminishing resources, owing to floods, pestilence, the sterility of the soil, high wages, heavy taxation, the rising cost of hospitality and other expenses.

INDENTURA PRO SECURITATE PENSIONIS XL S. DE ABBATE ET CONVENTU DE REVESBY PRO ECCLESIA DE FRODYNGHAM EIS APPROPRIATA.

Hec indentura facta inter reverendum in Christo patrem et dominum dominum Philippum dei gracia Lincoln' episcopum ex parte una et religiosos viros Radulphum abbatem et conventum monasterii de Revesby ordinis Cistercien' Lincoln' diocesis ecclesiam parochialem de Frodyngham dicte Lincoln' diocesis in proprios usus de novo habentes et obtinentes ex parte altera testatur, quod prefati abbas et conventus ex communi et unanimi consensu et assensu eorundem ad hoc capitulariter congregatorum, concurrentibus omnibus in ea parte de iure requisitis pro et ex eo quod varia commoda non modica ab ipsa ecclesia de Frodyngham ad episcopos Lincoln' et ipsam ecclesiam Lincoln' tam de iure quam de consuetudine laudabili legitimeque prescripta temporibus vacacionis dicte ecclesie et aliis diversis temporibus provenerunt et in eventum proventura fuissent si appropriacio dicte ecclesie ipsis religiosis viris facta non fuisset, quibus ipsi episcopi et ecclesia Lincoln' occasione appropriacionis ecclesie predicte carebunt verisimiliter in futuris per presens scriptum indentatum se firmiter obligant et attringunt dicto reverendo in Christo patri et ipsius successoribus episcopis Lincoln' qui pro tempore fuerint imperpetuum in quadam annua pensione quadraginta solidorum sterlingorum solvenda eisdem episcopis vel eorum procuratoribus seu procuratori in festis Pasche et sancti Michaelis Archangeli per equales porciones infra palacium Lincoln' perpetuis temporibus annuatim, racione et ex causa indempnitatis supradicte ac in recompensacionem dampnorum que ex appropriacione ecclesie predicte episcopi Lincoln' sustinere et verisimiliter pati possent, necnon in signum subieccionis ecclesie de Frodyngham memorate ad ecclesiam Lincoln' debite antedictam. Ad quam quidem solucionem singulis annis loco et terminis antedictis bene et fideliter faciendam predicti abbas et conventus obligant se et proventus ecclesie de Frodyngham predicte ac omnia bona sua mobilia et immobilia ad ipsam ecclesiam spectancia et pertinencia presencia et futura ubicumque fuerint inventa obligant impignorant et ypothecant per presentes. Si vero contingat prefatam ecclesiam de Frodyngham ut prefertur sic appropriatam ab ipsis abbate et conventu vel eorum successoribus imposterum qualitercumque evinci, vel quod prefate appropriacio per summum pontificem revocetur, vel alius quomodolibet aut quovismodo impediatur quominus debitum suum sorciatur effectum, vult et concedit prefatus reverendus pater dominus episcopus Lincoln' supradictus pro se et successoribus suis episcopis Lincoln' quod extunc prefati abbas et conventus et successores sui ad prefatam annuam pensionem quadraginta solidorum ut prefertur minime teneantur. Sed quod ipse reverendus pater episcopus Lincoln' supradictus et successores sui episcopi Lincoln' ab omni peticione

exaccione et vendicacione dicte annue pensionis quadraginta solidorum exinde perpetuo sint exclusi. Volunt eciam et concedunt per presentes prefati abbas et conventus quod si contingat ipsas abbatem et conventum vel successores suos in solucione dicte pensionis annue sub modo et forma predictis episcopis Lincoln' pro tempore existentibus terminis et loco antedictis facienda in parte vel in toto deficere, ex tunc licet episcopo Lincoln' qui nunc est et ipsius successoribus qui pro tempore erunt ipsis abbate et conventu seu eorum successoribus non vocatis absque aliquo processu iudiciali de fructibus redditibus et proventibus et emolumentis quibuscumque ad ipsam ecclesiam de Frodyngham qualitercumque provenientibus eandem pensionem auctoritate sua propria absque cause cognicione et iuris ordine quibuscumque exigere colligere et levare, ac eciam post lapsum termini huiusmodi fructus et proventus ac emolumenta quecumque sequestrare, eos que et ea sub tuto et arto tenere servare et custodire sequestro quousque de pensione predicta una cum dampnis arreragiis et expensis si que occasione premissa idem episcopus et successores sui incurrerint in eisdem per dictos abbatem et conventum et successores suos futuros plenarie fuerit satisfactum, predictique abbas et conventus quibuscumque iuris remediis specialibus vel generalibus et presertim appellacionum querelarum prohibicionum regiarum in integrum restitucionum et aliis quibuscumque tam iuris ecclesiastici quam secularis privilegiis eis et eorum monasterio quacumque auctoritate concesse ad impediendum seu retardandum solucionem annue pensionis predicte in parte vel in toto competentibus vel competituris ex certa sciencia renunciant in hiis scriptis. In cuius rei testimonium uni parte huius indenture penes prefatum reverendum patrem dominum episcopum Lincoln' et successores suos remanenti prefatorum abbatis et conventus sigillum commune est appensum. Alteri vero parti penes prefatos religiosos viros abbatem et conventum remanenti prefati reverendi patris domini episcopi Lincoln' sigillum est appensum. Dat' in domo capitulari de Revesby predicta octavo die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo quadragintesimo nono.

[*Folio 41v*]

Appropriacio ecclesie de Frodyngham. Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis et precipue omnibus et singulis quorum interest vel interesse poterit quomodolibet in futurum, Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus salutem in eo qui est omnium vera salus. Pastoralem nostri regiminis curam quo in caritatis amplexibus cunctorum pia vota fidelium suscipimus congruis prosequenda favoribus ad ea presertim extendimus promovenda per que divini cultus honor auget in ecclesiastici ordinis dignitas atque cleri deo famulancium numero et obsequiis pocioribus ampliatur et ipsorum status ab iminentibus egestatis et inopie dispendiis nostre subvencionis ope commodius relevatur. Ex parte siquidem religiosorum

virorum abbatis et conventus monasterii de Revesby ordinis Cisterciensis nostre diocesis significatum nobis extitit fructus que redditus obvenciones et proventus universi ad dictum monasterium spectantes et eidem monasterii ac ipsius abbati et conventui successoribus que eorundem in primeva ipsius fundacione ordinacione et dotacione in temporalibus dumtaxat assignati dati donati et concessi ob temporum subsecutorum detrimenta, pestilencias videlicet et ipidimecis plus solito frequencius ingruentes terrarum sterilitatem cultorum et colonorum raritatem serviencium paucitatem immoderataque stipendia eorundem hiis diebus adeo decreverunt et diminute existunt in valore. Sint que dicti abbas et conventus temporis malicia succrescente exaccionibus taxacionibus composicionibus decimis subsidiis et variorum onerum gravitateque ecclesiasticis personis et presertim religiosis plus solito imponuntur, necnon vero alieno et pauperitate depressi hospitalitate que frequenti et sustencione pauperum debilium et infirmorum continue ad dictum monasterium confluencium oppressi et alias multipliciter in tantum pregravati quod attentis incommoditatibus expensis circa culturam agrorum excessivis et detrimentis antedictis facultates domus memorate non sufficiant ad eorum sustentacionem congruam reparacionem que domorum dicti monasterii neque ad incumbencia eis onera decetero supportanda nisi alicuius subvencionis uberioris ope et remedio gracioso succuratur eisdem. Quare prefati abbas et conventus nobis humiliter supplicarunt, quatinus in divini cultus augmentum et ob has causas premissas et alias pias per eos veraciter nobis expositas et sufficienter edoctas eorum indigenciis et necessitatibus benigno compacientes affectum ecclesiam parochialem de Frodyngham nostre diocesis cuius ius patronatus legitime obtinent ac eiusdem fructus redditus et proventus quadraginta marcas sterlingorum ut asserunt valorem annuam non excedunt cum ipsius ecclesie iuribus proventibus et pertinentibus universis eis et eorum successoribus ac eorum monasterio antedicto consideratis necessitatibus et causis memoratis appropriare unire annectere et incorporare ac in usus proprios perpetuo possidendam caritatis intuitu concedere dignaremur ad eorum sustentacionem congruam et relavamen supportacionem que incumbencium eis onerum predictorum cum evidens utilitas et urgens necessitas id exposcant. Nos itaque premissa pie consideracionis intuitu et paterne benignitatis affectu intuentes ac incommoda et gravamina predicta subvenire ac eisdem abbati et conventui et eorum necessitatibus et omnibus antedictis nobis satis cognitis debite provisionis remedio succurrere volentes et ad singula ut prefertur pro parte eorum nobis exposita debite consideracionis aciem extendentes super omnibus et singulis prenarratis cum dilectis filiis magistro Johanne Shepey decano et capitulo ecclesie nostre Lincoln' in domo eiusdem capitulari capitulariter congregatis tractatum habuimus et fecimus diligentem frequencius et solempnem et super eisdem ac veritate eorundem et

ceteris quibuscumque dicte unionis appropriacionis et incorporacionis negocium concernentibus in debita iuris forma vocatis vocandis et debite . . . . . .[1] inquisivimus et inquiri fecimus diligenter et cause cognicione prehabita ea omnia supradicta comparimus et invenimus veritatem certius continere. Unde iuris solempnitate tractatu capitulari frequenti et cause cognicione previis ac prehabitis et ceteris de iure requisitis plenius observatis ad dictorum abbatis et conventus supplicacionem humilem et assiduam instanciam pronunciamus decrevimus et decernimus et declaramus causas omnes et singulas antedictas nobis expositas fuisse et esse et fore veras iustas legitimas sufficientes et canonicas ad appropriacionem unionem annexionem incorporacionem et concessionem ecclesie parochialis de Frodyngham memorata prefato monasterio et ipsorum successoribus faciendum Christi que nomine invocato veritate . . . . . .[1] dimissorum inspectis et sollicita ac matura deliberacione pensatis de et cum consensu expresso et unanimi dilectorum filiorum decani et capituli ecclesie nostre Lincoln' predicte prefatam ecclesiam parochialem de Frodyngham per resignacionem magistri Thome Duffeld' ultimi rectoris eiusdem in manibus nostris factam et per nos admissam vacantem cum suis fructibus redditibus et proventibus ac emolumentis et pertinenciis universis de licencia domini nostri Regis expressa dictis abbatis et conventu ac eorum successoribus et dicto monasterio de Revesby ad supportandum onera supradicta ac alia eis necessariis incumbencia, tenore presencium et in hiis scriptis appropriamus unimus annectimus incorporamus et in usus eorum proprios perpetuis futuris temporibus obtinendam et possidendam pacifice libere licite et quiete concedimus per presentes. Sic itaque quod liceat ipsis abbati et conventui successoribus que suis per se vel procuratorem suum legalem possessionem dicte ecclesie eis ut prefertur et eorum monasterio appropriate et incorporate possessionem realem et corporalem eisdem ingredi nancisci apprehendere adquirere et retinere ac de ipsius fructibus redditibus et proventibus seu emolumentis [*Folio 42*] quibuscumque pertinentibus ad eandem libere disponere et ea pacifice in usus earum proprios perpetuo obtinere auctoritate presencium nostra seu alterius cuiuslibet licencia requisita minime vel obtenta indempnitati vero nostre et ecclesie nostre Lincoln' ac nostrorum successorum occasione emolumentorum et commodi que tempore et racione vacacionis dicte ecclesie ad nos successores que nostros pertinerent et nobis provenirent si dicta ecclesia de Frodryngham appropriata non esset et unita et que sic possessa imposterum non vacabit debite prospicere et providere volentes pensionem annuam sive censum annuum quadraginta solidorum sterlingorum de fructibus redditibus et proventibus eiusdem ecclesie de Frodyngham per dictos abbatem et conventum et eorum successores in festis Pasche et sancti Michaelis Archangeli in palacio ecclesie nostre

[1] Illegible, owing to blots or stains on MS.

Lincoln' sede plena et ea vacante decano et capitulo ecclesie Lincoln' absque tamen preiudicio archidiaconi nostri Stowe in hac parte aliquali de ipsorum consensu expresso vigore que submissionis in nos facte iudicimus statuimus et realiter imponimus singulis annis perpetuis persolvendum fideliter et prestandum. Ordinacionem vero et dotacionem vicarie in eadem ecclesia ab antiquo facta quas sufficientes et legitimas reputamus in suis robore et effectu volumus et decrevimus permanere dicta nostra appropriacione non obstante decernimus insuper et ordinamus quod dicti abbas et conventus cum et postquam possessionem corporalem ecclesie predicte nacti fuerint et adepti quatuor solidos argenti inter pauperes eiusdem ecclesie parochialis et magis secundum eorum consciencia indigentes distribuant annuatim vel alia ipsius ecclesie emolumenta ad valorem dictorum quatuor solidorum se extendencia iuxta formam et effectum cuiusdam statuti regii in hac parte editi iuribus dignitate libertate honore officio iurisdiccione visitacione sinodatico ac ceteris omnibus et singulis que de lege diocesana sive iurisdiccione nobis et ecclesie nostre ac successoribus nostris qualitercumque competere dinoscuntur in omnibus et per omnia semper salvis. Si quid vero ambiguum dubium vel obscurum circa premissa emergere contigerit in futurum illud interpretandum supplendum et declarandum nobis et successoribus nostris potestatem specialiter reservamus. In quorum omnium et singulorum testimonium atque fidem has litteras nostras sive hunc processum nostrum per Robertum de Stretton' publicum auctoritate apostolica notarium nostrum que in hac parte scribam subscribi ac ipsius signo consueto una cum nostri sigilli appensione fecimus communiri. Data et acta sunt hec prout suprascribuntur et recitantur sub anno domini secundum cursum et computacionem ecclesie Anglicane millesimo cccc^{mo} nono Indiccione tercia Pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Gregorii divina providencia pape xij^{mi} anno tercio et mensis Octobris die septimo in capella infra castrum nostrum de Sleford' dicte nostre Lincoln' diocesis, presentibus venerabilibus et discretis viris magistro Johanne Hauberk' decretorum doctore officiali Lincoln' et ecclesie Lincoln' et Johanne Haliwell' ecclesie Wellen' canonicis ac Edmundo Langford' Thoma Colston' et Thoma Hyll' clericis notariis publicis Lincoln' Dunolm' Sarum et Ebor' diocesium testibus in premissis.

Subscripccio notarii. Et ego Robertus de Stretton' clericus Ebor' diocesis publicus auctoritate apostolica notarius prefati que reverendi in Christo patris et domini domini Philippi dei gracia Lincoln' episcopi registrarius et in hac parte actorum scriba premissis omnibus et singulis dum sic ut premittitur per eundem reverendum patrem et coram eo sub anno domini Indiccione Pontificatu mense die et loco subscriptis agebantur et fiebant una cum prenominatis testibus personaliter interfui ea que omnia et singula sic fieri vidi et audivi necnon eadem per alium de sciencia et voluntate

meis ut premittitur scripta publicavi et in hanc publicam formam redegi, me que hic manu propria subscripsi presentes que litteras seu presens processum in signo meo solito et consueto de mandato dicti reverendi patris una cum appensione eiusdem sigilli signavi in fidem et evidencius testimonium omnium premissorum.

1409. October 18th, Sleaford. Licence to Nicholas Hemmingford, master of St. John's Hospital, Huntingdon, to celebrate one anniversary on account of the poverty of the hospital, the permission to last for three years.

Die xviij mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono apud Sleford' Nicholaus Hemmyngford' magister hospitalis sancti Johannis Hunt' obtinuit licenciam celebrandi annale per triennium propter exilitatem notabilem dicti hospitalis.

1409. November 2nd, Sleaford. Licence to master John Wickham to preach and to hear confessions in the diocese of Lincoln.

Wykham lic' predicandi. Secundo die mensis Novembris anno domini supradictis apud Sleford' magister Johannes Wykham obtinuit licenciam predicandi et audiendi confessiones per diocesim Lincoln' quamdiu domino placuerit, eciam ad dispensandum cum vobis eadem sub dispensacione domini.

Same date and place. Licence to master John Bracebridge to preach in the diocese of Lincoln.

Item licenciatum fuit magistro Johanni Bracebrygge ad predicandum et seminandum verbum dei per diocesim Lincoln' quamdiu domino placuerit.

1409. November 4th, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to William of Anderby (Andeby) to all orders. [B.]

1409. November 6th, Sleaford. Licence to Walter Medford, archdeacon of Berkshire, for the private celebration of divine services in his dwelling, commonly called Burnell's Inn, in the University of Oxford.

Item sexto die Novembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono apud Sleford' concessa fuit licencia magistro Waltero Medeford' archidiacono Bark' quod possit celebrare et facere celebrari divina in sua et familiarum suorum presencium per triennium in aliquo loco decenti et honesto infra hospicium suum in universitati Oxon' vulgariter nuncupatum Burnels Inne.[1]

1409. November 7th. Licence for an oratory to William Wyot.

[1] Cf. *supra*, p. 31.

Item vij die Novembris anno etc. apud Sleford' Willelmus Wyot domicellus obtinuit oratorium pro se et uxore sua per triennium.

1409. Letter from the bishop of London (dated October 28th), forwarding Archbishop Arundel's mandate of October 24th and the king's writ of October 17th for the publication of the election of Pope Alexander V. On November 14th, Bishop Repingdon directs the dean and chapter and the archdeacons of the diocese to publish the election.

Mandatum archiepiscopi Cant' cum brevi regio incluso ad publicandum eleccionem domini Alexandri pape quinti et admissionem eiusdem. Reverendo in Christo patri ac domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo Ricardus permissione divina London' episcopus salutem et sincere dileccionis continuum incrementum. Litteras reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Thome dei gracia Cant' archiepiscopi tocius Anglie primatis et apostolice sedis legati breve regium in se continentes xxv die mensis Octobris proximo preterito reverenter recepimus in hec verba. Thomas permissione divina etc. Ricardo dei gracia London' episcopo salutem et fraternum [*Folio 42v*] dileccionis continuum incrementum. Inclitissimus in Christo princeps et dominus noster dominus Henricus Rex[1] (etc.). Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium xvij die Octobris anno regni nostri undecimo. Quocirca vestre fraternitati firmiter iniungimus et mandamus[1] (etc.). Dat' sub sigillo nostro in manerio nostro de Lamhith' xxiiij die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono, et nostre translacionis anno xij^{o}. Quarum auctoritate etc. Dat' sub sigillo nostro in manerio nostro de Hadham xxviij die dicti mensis Octobris anno domini supradicto, et nostre translacionis anno tercio. Postmodum vero, videlicet xiiij die mensis Novembris anno domini millesimo nono apud Sleford', mandatum fuit litteris patentibus domini decano et capitulo ecclesie Lincoln' ad publicandum premissa in ecclesia Lincoln' et aliis locis insignibus sibi subditis et deinde singulis archidiaconis in ecclesia Lincoln' ad publicandum eciam premissa una cum exhortacionibus superius memoratis in insignioribus locis suorum archidiaconatuum clerique convocacionibus synodis ac capitulis inquisicionibus generalibus etc.[2] iuxta dictarum litterarum et brevis predicti omnem vim formam et effectum.

1409. November 19th, Sleaford. Licence to John Killingworth for the private celebration of mass in his house in the parish of Eynesbury (?), without prejudice to the rector or vicar of the parish, and for use only in winter and in cases of sickness, the permission to last for three years.

[1] The king's writ and the archbishop's mandate are printed in *Concilia*, III, p. 321.
[2] *Sic.*

Item xix die mensis Novembris anno etc. nono apud Sleford' Johannes Kyllyngworth' et Matilda uxor eius obtinuerunt licenciam faciendi divina celebrari in capella seu oratorio infra mansum suum in parochia de Endenesbury Lincoln' diocesis situata in sua et ipsorum utriusque necnon familiarum suorum presencia, dumtamen nulla alia sacramenta ecclesiastica inibi ministrentur nec rectori seu vicario loci huiusmodi per hoc fiat preiudicium aliquale et aliud canonicum non obsistat per triennium duraturum, et iniunctum erat eis quod non uterentur istam licenciam nisi tempore brumali et in infirmitatibus.

[*Folio 43*]

1409. November 16th, Sleaford. Licences to Thomas Duffeld, bachelor of theology, and John Duffeld, priest, to preach in the diocese of Lincoln, during the bishop's pleasure.

xvj die mensis Novembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono apud Sleford' concessa fuit licencia predicandi per totam diocesim Lincoln' quamdiu domino placuerit magistro Thome Duffeld' in sacra theologia bacallario.

Eisdem die loco concessa fuit consimilis licencia domino Johanni Duffeld' presbytero ad predicandum per diocesim Lincoln' quamdiu domino placuerit.

1409. November 22nd, Sleaford. Licence to William Ashendon, canon of St. Frideswide's Priory, Oxford, to preach in churches and chapels appropriated to the priory, and elsewhere in the archdeaconry of Oxford, during the bishop's pleasure.

Item xxij die mensis eiusdem ibidem concessa fuit consimilis licencia fratri Willelmo Asshendon' canonico prioratus sancte Frideswyde Oxon' ad exequendum predicacionis officium in singulis ecclesiis et capellis dicto prioratui appropriatis et aliis per archidiaconatum Oxon' constitutis quamdiu domino placuerit.

1409. November 24th, Sleaford. Commission to John Ancoraden'[1] or to any other catholic bishop to receive the professions of certain nuns at Elstow Abbey.

Elnestowe professiones. Item xxiiij^{mo} die mensis Novembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono apud Sleford' commissum fuit domino Johanni Ankoraden' episcopo seu alii episcopo catholico cuicumque coniunctim et divisim ad admittendum professiones expressas dominarum Johanne Trayley Muryel Brotton' Johanne Broughton' Elene Clopton' et Rose Waldegrave monasterii de

[1] John Crancroyt, "Ancoradensis", was Archbishop Chichele's suffragan in Lincoln diocese in July and September, 1424. *Reg. Chichele*, I, p. lxix ; IV, pp. 360 363,

Elnerstowe Lincoln' diocesis ordinis sancti Benedicti commonialium et ad cetera faciendum que circa solempnitatem earum professionum fuerint necessaria et ad certificandum de factis suis admissis professionibus memoratis.

[Undated]. Testament of Robert Stonham, vicar of Oakham. Proved before the bishop's commissary, John Hauberk, on January 15th, 1409/10, at Sleaford.

Testamentum magistri Roberti Stonham vicarii de Oakham.[1] In nomine patris et filii et spiritus sancti amen. In honore domini nostri Jesu Christi ac gloriosissime virginis et matris sue et omnium sanctorum ego Robertus Stonham, Christianus in fide firmus, sciens me resolvi ad diem michi ignotum, lego animam meam deo eiusdem creatori et Jesu Christo eiusdem dei filio per acerbam passionem eiusdem redemptori sanctoque peraclito suo mundatori, corpus meum sepeliendum et post diem iudicii cum anima glorificandum. Volo quod ante omnia debita mea persolvantur et iniurie et dampna quibus aliquem defraudavi vel nocui emendentur. Item volo habere tamen duos cereos unum ad caput et alium ad pedes. Item iiij torches quelibet valoris unius nobilis que remaneant ecclesie summas ij marcas. Item distribucioni pauperum singulis denarium x li. Item sacerdotibus eiusdem parochie qui intererunt exequiis et sepulture cuilibet xx d. et orent pro me. Item volo quod xxiiij pauperes quorum xviij de parochia Oakham et sex de parochia de Lydyngton' vestiantur tam ad corpus quam ad lectum ubi maior necessitas fuerit. Sic quod super quemlibet expendatur unum nobile summam viij li. Item lego ecclesie de Oakham unum calicem meum cum capsula valoris x marcas fere. Item lego eidem x libras ad duo candelebra argentea pro ceroferariis. Item lego eidem ecclesie librum rubeum decretorum. Item lego eidem librum decretalium. Item lego eidem librum bonum ligatum *Pupilla Oculi* cum constitucionibus in eodem contentis ut vicarii et parochiales capellani per eorundem inspeccionem melius sciant regere populum eis commissum. Item lego capellis de Langham Egilton' Brook' cuilibet xl s. ad tres calices et non ad alium usum summam vj li. Item lego ecclesie de Lidyngton' c s. ad crucem argenteam. Item capelle de Caldecote xl s. ad calicem et non ad alium usum. Item lego collegio de Merton' hall' Oxon' xx libras ad crucem argenteam vel duo candebra[2] argentea pro ceroferariis. Item lego eidem collegio omnes libros meos non alibi legatos inchatenandum in communi libraria et non ad alium usum. Item lego ecclesie de Lidyngton' aliam pupillam meam in quaternis. Item lego ecclesie Karliolen' et episcopo bibliam quam habui ex dono episcopi Thome quondam Karliolen'. Item magister Henricus Abyngdon' [habebit] meum portiforium. Item dominus Willelmus Baxter

[1] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 138. [2] *Sic.*

habebit meum manuale et ciphum sine cooperculo argenteum et deauratum cum duobus cocleariis de antiquis melioribus et optimam robam meam cum furris et tota secta eiusdem, dominus Thomas Gauter habebit unum ciphum argenteum sine cooperculo cum duobus cocleariis et secundum robam cum furrura, Johanni Bower lego x marcas et unum ciphum argenteum sine cooperculo cum duobus cocleariis et terciam robam etc. patellam optimam et ollam eneam optimam et si vult sacerdotari et casce vinere habebit portiforium meum prius legatum sinautem habeat Henricus Abyndon' prefatus. Item volo quod Ricardus Brook' clericus meus habeat ciphum argenteum sine cooperculo cum ij cocleariis et xx s. Item volo quod Willelmus Carter principalis meus famulus habeat optimam vaccam et secundum patellam et xx s. vel valorem. Item Henricus Johannes Laurencius Emma et Emmota quilibet habeat xx s. et unam patellam vel equum vel vaccam secundum merita et diuturnitatem servicii, habeat Daw xx s. vel valorem. Et ista lego tamen illis meis servientibus qui non recedent sed pro tempore quo ero extra Angliam fideliter manebunt ad reventum meum. Item lego fratri meo ciphum vocatum Jesus Hominum Salvator cum coopertorio. Item lego fratri meo *Legendam Sanctorum*. Item lego fratri meo unam duodenam cocleariorum novorum. Item lego sorori mee moniali xl s. et par precum de gete cum uno broche de auro puro. Item lego Isabelle sorori mee unum ciphum cum coopertorio batellatum qui erat matris mee. Item eidem zonam meam nigram deauratam. Item domino meo Lincoln' zonam meam viridem deauratam. Item domine comitesse de Cancia de Brunne gobeletum deauratum cum coopertorio. Rogero Flore ciphum argenteum cum cooperculo vocatum le Crane et grus. Item episcopo Lincoln' salarium cum coopertorio. Item lego ecclesie de Oakham ad ornatum summi altaris vestimentum meum album cum frontali et subfrontali cortinis et pro lectrino. Item par cortinarum preciosarum de damasco summo altari de Oakham. Item lego domino Roberto Croxton' de Lincoln' unum ciphum argenteum sine cooperculo cum duobus cocleariis. Item ordino et lego x libras pro conservacione anniversarii mei in ecclesia de Oakham quolibet anno unum nobile quod durabit per xxx^{to} annos, sic quod xl denarii distribuantur xl pauperibus de parochia quolibet anno et alia medietas inter sacerdotes et clericos et pro cereis duobus parvulis. Item lego Edmundo fratri meo et Isabelle sorori mee omnia tenementa mea cum universis pertinenciis in civitate London' habenda et tenenda libere pure et imperpetuum heredibus et assignatis suis, et volo quod onerentur et solvant de propriis quando eis placet vel solvi faciant pro anima matris mee simul vel per vices heredibus vel executoribus Johannis Basse viginti novem libras [*Folio 43*^{v}] sterlingorum et quod ex ista pecunia fiant elemosine pro animabus Lucie atte Stone et Johannis Basse. Item volo quod soror mea Alicia habeat omni anno de predicto redditu unam marcam. Item magister Henricus Abyndon'

habebit meum quaternum novum preciosum qui incipit *In nomine patris et filii et spiritus sancti*, et alium quaternum preciosum et secretum Gebar' secundum patet in rubio papiro ubi fit mencio de omnibus libris meis quam aliorum quia habeo multos libros qui non sunt mei et volo quod quilibet habeat quod suum est. Tabulam de eboris et cipresso cum stilo argenteo habeat dominus Richardus Curteys. Willelmus Carter habeat unum coclearium et Henricus famulus habeat unum coclearium. Et si potest fieri volo quod capella de Langham habeat ad prius legatum ij marcas sic quod in toto habeat quinque marcas ad eundem usum et non alium. Volo insuper quod si dominus meus Lincoln' vel amici subscripti sciant in aliquo emendare supradicta vel melius disponere pro anima mea quam suprascriptum est vel forte bona mea non sufficiant volo secundum illi ordinabunt, tamen rogo quod miseriantur anime mee. Volo quod Willelmus Baxter habeat xx s. ultima prius legata sibi. Item magister Henricus habebit meum amys de crystygray. Item Baxter meum superpellicium. Item ecclesia de Oakham [habebit] totum meum velym pro antiphonariis et libris. Item corrector de Ascheruge habebit certum librum in quaternis xiij quos mihi dedit qui incipit *Frater Predilecte*. Residuum bonorum si quod fuerit disponant Edmundus frater meus et Willelmus Baxter capellanus quos constituo executores episcopum Lincoln' quem constituo supervisorem et Rogerum Flore coadiutorem.

Approbacio eiusdem testamenti. xv die mensis Januarii anno domino cccc^{mo} millesimo nono in capella infra castrum de Sleford' Lincoln' diocesis predictum testamentum coram magistro Johanne Hauberk' clerico reverendi in Christo patris et domini domini Philippi dei gracia Lincoln' episcopi commissario in hac parte specialiter deputato exhibitum et in forma iuris probatum per Edmundum et dominum Willelmum executores in dicto testamento nominatos per eiusdem magistrum Johannem Hauberk auctoritate dicti reverendi patris fuit approbatum et pro valore eiusdem rite pronunciatum. Administracio que bonorum dictum defunctum et eius testamentum concernencium et infra iurisdiccionem dicti reverendi patris existencium eisdem executoribus in forma iuris iuratis fuit commissa, ipsa administracione per eos sponte acceptata, compoto calculo seu raciocinio administracionis dictorum executorum cum exactis fuerint ab eis reddendis eidem reverendi patri specialiter reservatis etc. ut in forma. Postmodum audito compoto et calculo administracionis huiusmodi que calculando inventum fuerat dictos executores bona dicti defuncto fideliter administrasse ab ulteriore compoti reddicione in hac parte salvo iure cuiuscumque sunt dimissi executores predicti et habent acquietanciam in hac parte.

1409. December 10th, Leicester. Letters dimissory to Thomas Bailey (Bayle), to all orders. [B.]

1409. December 16th, Sleaford. Licence to Thomas Thacker, rector of Dalderby, to celebrate one anniversary on account of the poverty of his benefice, the permission to last for three years.

xvj die Decembris anno etc. nono apud Sleford' dominus Thomas Thakker rector de Dalderby obtinuit licenciam celebrandi unum annale in dicta ecclesia sua per triennium propter exilitatem eiusdem.

1409/10. January 30th, Sleaford. Dispensation to the countess of Somerset to eat meat and dairy produce during Lent, on account of her pregnancy.

Licencia vescendi lacticineis et carnis pro comitessa Somersett'. Penultimo die mensis Januarii anno domini et loco supradictis dominus Philippus dei gracia Lincoln' episcopus de sua speciali gracia et de benignitate iuris dispensavit cum domina comitessa Somersett' tunc pregnante quod possit uti cibis ovorum lactis et aliis lacticineis et carneis si necessitas ipsam ad hoc artaverit pro tempore quadragesime proxime tunc futurum.

1409/10. Letter from the bishop of London (dated January 20th) forwarding the king's writ of January 3rd and Archbishop Arundel's mandate of January 12th for Convocation at St. Paul's, London, on February 17th. On the reception of the mandate, the bishop of Lincoln directs the archdeacons to summon the clergy of the diocese to St. Paul's, Bedford, on February 14th, for the election of proctors.

Mandatum archiepiscopi pro convocacione cleri. Breve regium pro eidem.[1] Reverendo in Christo patri et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo Ricardus permissione divina London' episcopus salutem et sincere dileccionis continuum incrementum. Mandatum reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Thome dei gracia Cant' archiepiscopi etc. xviij° die presentis mensis Januarii reverenter recepimus tenorem continentem subsequentem. Thomas permissione divina etc. venerabili fratri nostro domino Ricardo die gracia London' episcopo salutem et fraternam in domino caritatem. Magna et indissimulata nunc nos impellit necessitas prelatos et clerum nostre provincie Cant' pro quibusdam arduis et urgentibus negociis statum defensionem et utilitatem ecclesie et regni Anglie concernentibus pro ceteris temporibus convocare et ad hoc littere regium nuper recepimus in hec verba. Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie venerabili in Christo patri Thome eadem gracia archiepiscopo Cant' tocius Anglie primati salutem. Quibusdam arduis et urgentibus negociis nos statum regni nostri ac honorem et utilitatem ecclesie Anglie

[1] Cf. *Reg. Bubwith*, I, pp. 71–73.

intunc concernentibus, vobis in fide et dileccione quibus nobis tenemini rogando mandamus quatinus premissis debito intuitu attentis et ponderatis universos et singulos episcopos Cant' provincie et decanos et priores ecclesiarum cathedralium abbates et priores et alios electivos exemptos et non exemptos necnon archidiaconos capitula conventus et collegia totum que clerum cuiuslibet diocesis eiusdem provincie ad comparendum coram vobis in ecclesia cathedrali sancti Pauli London' vel alibi ubi melius expedire videritis citra xv diem Februarii proximum futurum more solito convocari faciatis ad tractandum concordandum consensiendum et concludendum super premissis et aliis que sibi clarius exponentur tunc ibidem ex parte nostra, et hoc sicut nos et statum dicti regni nostri ac honorem et utilitatem ecclesie predicte diligitis nullatenus omittatis. Teste me ipso apud Eltham tercio die Januarii anno regni nostri undecimo. Quocirca fraternitati vestra committimus et mandamus quatinus omnes et singulos dicte nostre Cant' ecclesie suffraganeos infra dictam nostram Cant' provinciam constitutos et absencium huiusmodi episcoporum si qui fuerint vicarios in spiritualibus generales citetis peremptorie et per eos decanos et priores ecclesiarum cathedralium ac singula capitula earundem [*Folio 44*] archidiaconos et abbates et priores conventus sub se habentes et alios ecclesiarum prelatos exemptos et non exemptos clerumque cuiuslibet diocesis provincie antedicte citari peremptorie. Volumus et mandamus quod iidem episcopi vicarii generales decani archidiaconi abbates priores et ceteri ecclesiarum prelati exempti et non exempti personaliter et quodlibet capitulum ecclesiarum cathedralium per unum, clerusque cuiuslibet diocesis provincie antedicte per duos sufficientes procuratores compareant coram nobis aut nostris in hac parte locumtenentibus vel commissariis si nos tunc impediri contigerit in ecclesia sancti Pauli London' xvij° die mensis Februarii proximo futuro cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum tunc sequencium et locorum, ad tractandum super arduis et urgentibus negociis statum defensionem et utilitatem ecclesie et regni Anglie concernentibus ipsis tunc idem seriosius exponendis, suaque consilia et auxilia super eis impensuri et ad consenciendum hiis que ibidem ex deliberacione communi ad honorem dei et ecclesie et regni Anglie contigerit concorditer ordinari, facturi que ulterius et recepturi quod iustum fuerit et huiusmodi negociorum qualitas exigit et requirit. Tenore eciam presencium peremptorie vos citamus quod eisdem die et loco coram nobis vel locum nostrum tenente aut commissariis personaliter compareatis super dictis negociis tractaturi presensque nostrum mandatum quatenus civitates et dioceses vestras concernit exequi per omnia faciatis, prelatis quoque ecclesiarum exemptarum non mendicantibus vestre et aliorum venerabilium fratrum nostrorum coepiscoporum dicte provincie diocesis cuiuscumque fuerint ordinis per vos et coepiscopos vestros prout vos et unumquemque vestrum concernit volumus intimari, ut prefatis die

et loco absque preiudicio privilegiorum suorum in hac parte quibus per hoc derogari nolumus nobiscum intersint facturi et recepturi in premissis et ea contingentibus quod superius est expressum. Vobis eciam ut supra iniungimus et mandamus quod omnibus et singulis venerabilibus fratribus nostris coepiscopis vel vicariis huiusmodi iniungatis seu faciatis iniungi quod singuli eorum singillatim de facto suo quatenus pertinet ad eosdem nos seu locum nostrum tenentem vel commissarios dictis die et loco per litteras suas patentes citatorum nomina continentes distincte certificent et aperte, vosque pari forma nos vel nostros commissarios quatenus ad vos attinet eisdem die et loco more solito debite certificetis litteris vestris patentibus habentibus hunc tenorem. Dat' sub sigillo nostro apud Dertford' xij^{o} die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono, et nostre translacionis anno quartodecimo. Cuius auctoritate mandati vos reverendum patrem predictum cum ea que decet reverencia tenore presencium peremptorie citamus quatinus coram reverendissimo patre supradicto aut eius in hac parte locumtenente vel commissariis predicto xvij^{o} die mensis Februarii et loco in supradicto mandato expressato cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum tunc sequencium et locorum ad negocium huiusmodi secundum vim formam et effectum mandati supradicti personaliter compareatis ipsum que mandatum quatenus civitates et dioceses vestras et personas eorundum concernet iuxta formam et tenorem eiusdem debite exequamini et exequi per omnia faciatis et eidem pareatis realiter cum effectu. Vobis insuper auctoritate qua supra iniungimus et mandamus quatinus dictum reverendissimum patrem aut eius locum tenentem vel commissarios de facto vestro in hac parte debite certificetis prout idem mandatum exigit et requirit. Dat' sub sigillo nostro in manerio nostro de Hadham xx^{mo} die mensis Januarii anno domini supradicto, et nostre translacionis anno tercio.

Penultimo die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono apud Sleford' receptum fuit presens mandatum et scriptum fuit singulis archidiaconis diocesis Lincoln' ad citandum clerum ad diem veneris proximum post festum sancte Scolastice virginis proximum futurum in ecclesia sancti Pauli Bedford' ad eligendos procuratores transmittendos ad dictam convocacionem, ulterius que factum fuit in premissis et ea concernencium quod dictarum litterarum effectus exigit et requirit.

1409/10. February 12th, Buckden. Letters dimissory to John of Langley, rector of Long Leadenham (Langledenham), to all orders. [B.]

1409/10. February 15th, Bedford. Letters dimissory to John Day (Dey), Henry Fromit of Riseley (Rysley), and Richard Aldenham, to all orders. [B.]

Same date and place. Dispensation to John Harries to proceed to all orders and to hold a benefice with cure, notwithstanding his illegitimacy.

HARRYES DISPENSACIO. xv die eiusdem mensis anno domini supradicto apud Bedeford' dispensatum erat cum Johanne Harryes genito de soluto et soluta quod possit promoveri ad omnes sacros ordines et obtinere unum beneficium cum cura.

1409/10. March 1st, Thame. Letters dimissory to the abbot of Notley (Notteley) for John of Chearsley (Chirdesley) and John Chieveley (Chiveley), to all orders. [F.]

1409/10. February 22nd, Dunstable. Letters dimissory to the rector of Ashridge (Asshruge) for John Horwood (Horwode), to all orders. [F.]

1409/10. February 21st, Buckden. Letters dimissory to Alan of Alford (Alford') and John Laurence of Stevenage (Stevenache), to all orders. [B.]

1410. June 26th, Sleaford. Licence to Thomas Wilcotes (Wylcotes) to farm his church at Cottesmore (Cotesmore), for two years. [D.]

1410. June 27th. Licence to John of Langley, rector of Long Leadenham, for three years' non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause "Cum ex eo." [C.]

[*Folio 44*^{v}]

1410. Testament of Roger de Welby of Moulton. Dated May 19th. Proved before the bishop's commissary, John Curteys, vicar of Holbeach, in Holbeach parish church, on May 30th.

TESTAMENTUM ROGERI WELBY.[1] In dei nomine amen. Ego Rogerus de Welby de Multon' die lune in festo sancti Dunstani episcopi et confessoris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} decimo condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo omnipotenti beate Marie virgini et omnibus sanctis corpusque meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia de Multon' iuxta sepulturam patris mei. Item lego vicario eiusdem optimum animal meum nomine principalis mei summo altari eiusdem pro decimis subtractis et oblitis xx s. tribus luminaribus eiusdem x s. fabrice ecclesie de Multon' xl s. et fabrice capelle sancti Jacobi in eadem vj s. viij d. et gilde Corporis Christi in eadem vj s. viij d. Item lego summo altari ecclesie de Qwapplode xx s. fabrice ecclesie cathedralis Lincoln' vj s. viij d. et domui puerorum extra portam Lincoln' iij s. iiij d.

[1] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 144.

Item lego gilde sancte Marie de Spaldyng ex parte orientali vj s. viij d. et cuique ordini fratrum de sancto Botulpho xx s. Item volo habere quatuor presbyteros seculares celebrantes divina, videlicet, duos in ecclesia parochiali de Multon' per unum annum proximum post decessum meum et duos in capella sancti Jacobi de Multon' per unum annum vel unum per duos annos et quatuor fratres ordinis mendicancium celebrantes divina in ecclesiis suis per unum annum integrum pro anima mea et animabus omnium fidelium. Item volo quod funerales expense mee non fiant excessive pro vana gloria sed sobrie et honeste ad honorem dei. Ita quod pecuniaque in deliciosis epulis expenderetur pauperibus destribuatur et in operibus caritativis pro salute anime mee expendatur. Cetera bona et catalla non legatis debitis prius persolutis voluntate que mea ultima bene et fideliter completa do et concedo Margarete uxori mee Ricardo Pynchebek' de Pynchebek' Ricardo et Adlardo filiis meis et Willelmo Gase rectori de Est Bittham quos per visum et consilium domini mei domini prioris de Spaldyng qui nunc est constituo executores meos.

Approbacio eiusdem. Penultimo die mensis Maii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} decimo in ecclesia parochiali de Holbech' magister Johannes Courteys dicte ecclesie vicarius perpetuus reverendi in Christo patris et domini domini Philippi dei gracia Lincoln' episcopi commissario in hac parte specialiter deputatus dictum testamentum coram eo legitime exhibitum et probatum approbavit et insinuavit ac idem testamentum pro probato legitime et approbato pronunciavit, execucionem que testamenti eiusdem et administracionem quorumcumque bonorum dicti infra diocesim Lincoln' existencium executoribus in eodem testamento nominatis cuiuslibet quas quidem execucioni et administracioni idem executores in forma iuris iuratis libere admiserunt, calculo et raciocinio execucionis et administracionis huiusmodi ac finali in hac parte quitacione dicto reverendo patri specialiter reservatis.

1410. July 14th. Letters dimissory to Robert Fotheringhay (Fodryngey) of Folksworth (Folkeworth) and to John Reve of Hibaldstow (Hibaldstowe), scholar, to all orders. [B.]

1410. July 28th, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to William Meder, scholar, to all orders. [B.]

1410. May 15th, Sleaford. Licence to Thomas Stokes, rector of Shelswell (Sheldewell') for one year's non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause " Cum ex eo ". [C.]

1410. August 24th, Sleaford. Licence to the rector of Dunsby (Dunnesby) to put his church to farm for one year, from October 24th, 1410. [D.]

1410. September 4th, Leicester. Indulgence of forty days promised to all those who contribute towards the fabric or the ornaments of Enderby parish church.

ENDERBY INDULGENCIA. iiij^{to} die mensis Septembris anno domini supradicto apud Leycestr' concessa fuit indulgencia xl dierum omnibus contribuentibus fabrice ecclesie parochialis de Enderby iuxta Leycestr' vel ornamentorum eiusdem etc. ut in forma consueta.

1410. September 7th, Leicester. Licence to Roger Gleaston (Gleston'), rector of Steeping (Stepyng), for two years' non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause "Cum ex eo". [C.]

Same date and place. Letters dimissory to John Draper (Draper'), acolyte, to all orders. [B.]

1410. October 20th, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to Guy Spicer (Spycer') of Oxford and to Henry Buckworth (Bucworth'), acolyte, to all orders. [B.]

Same date and place. Licence to Thomas Cranley, rector of Hatfield (Hatfeld'), for one year's non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause "Cum ex eo". [C.]

1410. September 22nd, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to William Sweet (Swete) of Huttoft (Hotoft'), deacon, to priest's orders. [B.]

1410. September 16th, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to Thomas Wootton of Limber (Lymbergh'), having the first tonsure, to all orders. [B.]

1410. September 26th. Papal and archiepiscopal letters promising forty days' indulgence to all who contribute towards the work of the Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem.

INDULGENCIA PRO CASTRO SANCTI PETRI IN TERRA TURCHORUM. xxvj^{o} die mensis Septembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} decimo emanavit una littera indulgencia xl dierum universis subditis domini continens in se bullam apostolicam et litteras indulgenciales et hortatores domini archiepiscopi Cantuar' concessa omnibus contribuentibus fabrice castri sancti Petri in terra Turchorum per fratres hospitalis sancti Johannis Jerusalem constructis.

1410. September 29th, Sleaford. Commission to William Bellers, bishop "Solton'," to exercise the office of suffragan in the diocese of Lincoln.[1]

[1] See ff. 115, 118, 169, 183, 199. The will of William Bellers, "Saltoniensis", is printed in *Reg. Chichele*, II, p. 578.

Commissio suffraganei. Penultimo die mensis Septembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} decimo apud Sleford' emanavit commissio domino Willelmo Belers Solton' episcopo ad excercendum officium suffraganei per diocesim Lincoln' etc. ut in forma consueta.

1410. October 25th, Sleaford. Licence to the prioress and convent of Stainfield to put to farm the appropriated churches of Quadring, Kirmond-le-Mire (Kevermounde), Waddingworth and Marton for three years.[1] [G.]

[*Folio 45*]

Quarto kalendas Aprilis anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} decimo Incipit annus sextus consecracionis Reverendi in Christo patris et domini domini Philippi dei gracia Lincolnien' Episcopi.[2]

1410. April 10th, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to John, son of Henry Dawson (Daweson) of Grainsby (Graynesby), scholar, to all orders. [B.]

1409. Testament of John Dowedale of Barlings. Dated July 2nd, at Barlings. Proved at Sleaford on April 19th, 1410.

Dowedale testamentum de Barlyngs.[3] In dei nomine amen. Ego Johannes Dowedale de Barlyngs die martis proximo post festum apostolorum Petri et Pauli anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono compos mentis et sane memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego et commendo animam meam deo omnipotenti et gloriose virgini Marie et omnibus sanctis dei et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia beate Marie de Barlyngs cum meliori averio meo vivo nomine principalis. Item lego fabrice matricis ecclesie Lincoln' iij s. iiij d. et summo altari ibidem xx d. Et fabrice ecclesie de Barlyngs v s. Et summo altari ibidem xx d. Et fabrice ecclesie de Cloworth v s. et summo altari ibidem xx d. Et fabrice ecclesie de Colby v s. et summo altari ibidem xx d. Et ecclesie de Barlyngs graunge.[4] Et capelle sancti Eligii ad portas abbathie vj s. viij d. Et domino abbati de Barlyngs vj s. viij d. Et domino Hugoni de Toft canonico de Barlyngs vj s. viij d. Et fratribus minoribus Lincoln' x s. Et aliis tribus ordinibus fratrum mendicancium Lincoln' equaliter dividendum x s. Et pauperibus ad portas abbathie de Barlyngs xij d. Et pro cera emenda ad luminaria die sepulture mee viij d. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum do et concedo Alicie uxori mee ut ipsa

[1] Cf. *supra*, p. 99. [2] The upper half of f. 45 is left blank after the heading.
[3] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 119. [4] *Sic.*

inde faciat ordinet et disponat prout melius viderit expedire. Salva semper concessione prius facta abbati et conventui de Barlyngs de medietate bonorum nostrorum mobilium in fine vite nostrum diutius vivencium ubicumque inveniendorum quam volo fideliter observari. Huiusmodi autem testamenti executores ordino facio et constituo videlicet predictam Aliciam uxorem meam et dominum Alanum de Humberston' rectorem ecclesie de Braunceton'. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presenti testamento meo apposui, hiis testibus domino Hugone de Toft predicto domino Johanne Martyn rectore de Alesby et Johanne Holmeton' de Barlyngs. Dat' apud Barlyngs die et anno domini supradictis.

Approbacio eiusdem. xix° die mensis Aprilis anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ decimo apud Sleford' presens testamentum sufficienter probatum fuit approbatum et insinuatum et pro valore eiusdem testamenti ipsumque testamentum rite fuisse conditum et pronunciatum. Necnon administracio bonorum dictum defunctum et eius testamentum concernencium et infra diocesim Lincoln' existencium Alicie executore superius nominate forma iuris iurate erat commissa, potestate consimilem administracionem domino Alano coexecutore suo predicto cum eam admittere voluerit ac compoto calculo et raciocinio administracionis huiusmodi specialiter reservatis.

[*Folio 45*^v^]

1410. April 22nd, Sleaford. Appointment of the prior of Caldwell as assistant to the rector of St. Mary's, Bedford. He is to look after the rector's goods, provide him with necessities during his lifetime, and keep faithful accounts.

Deputacio curatoris rectori beate Marie Bedford'. Memorandum quod xxij° die mensis Aprilis anno domino millesimo cccc^mo^ decimo apud Sleford' deputatus fuit Thomas prior de Caldwell' curator et coadiutor domini Johannis Andrewe rectoris ecclesie parochialis beate Marie Bedford' Lincoln' diocesis, prestito primitus per eundem in hac parte requisito sacro, videlicet, de fideliter administrando bona dicti rectoris et providendo sibi vite necessaria et fidelem compotum reddendo cum fuerit exactus.

1410. April 27th, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to Hugh Tilton (Tylton'), scholar, to all orders. [B.]

1410. May 9th. Letters dimissory to William Barston, son of John Robertson (Robtson) of Barston, to all orders. [B.]

1409. May 31st, Sleaford. Dispensation by direction of the papal penitentiary to John Candlesby, clerk, that he may proceed to all orders and hold a benefice with cure, notwithstanding his illegitimacy.

Candelysby dispensacio. Ultimo die mensis Maii anno etc. nono apud Sleford' reverendus in Christo pater et dominus dominus Philippus dei gracia Lincoln' episcopus auctoritate litterarum reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Antonii miseracione divina episcopi Penestren' sibi in hac parte directe dispensavit cum Johanne filio Johannis Candelysby clerico Lincoln' diocesis de presbytero genitus[1] et soluta qui se dicto defectu tacito fecit carectere clericali insigniri quod premissis non obstante possit ipso uti carectere ac ad omnes ordines promoveri et beneficium ecclesiasticum obtinere eciam si cura habeat animarum iniuncta premitus eidem ab excessu huiusmodi pro modo culpe penitencia salutari et debite absolucione previa ut in forma.

1410. May 16th, Sleaford. Change of date of the patronal festival of Colsterworth church.

Mutacio dedicacionis ecclesie de Colsterworth'. xvj die mensis Maii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} x^{mo} apud Sleford' facta fuit mutacio dedicacionis ecclesie de Colsterworth' que celebrata fuerat antiquo mense Augusti usque in diem dominicam proximam post festum decollacionis sancti Johannis Baptiste singulis annis celebrandis per tempus messium et vindimearum tunc instans frequenter etc.

1410. June 18th, Sleaford. Forty days' indulgence promised to all who contribute towards the bridge called Sputewater, near Harringworth.

Sputewaterbrygge indulgencia. xviij die mensis Junii anno supradicto apud Sleford' emanavit indulgencia xl dierum pro ponte vocate Sputewaterbrygge iuxta Haryngworth' per unum annum.

1410. June 9th, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to John Greenacre (Grenacre), scholar, to all orders. [B.]

1410. June,[2] Sleaford. Mandate from Bishop Repingdon to the dean and chapter of Lincoln, directing them to take steps to remedy the defects and abuses revealed during a recent episcopal visitation. Twenty-six injunctions have been drawn up by the bishop, and obedience is enjoined on pain of excommunication. It has been noted that ignorance and non-understanding of the customs and statutes of the cathedral church lead to negligence, lack of discipline, and dissensions; therefore, in order that these customs and statutes may be properly observed, they must be clearly written down, and, after inspection by the bishop, they must be displayed in the choir of the cathedral, so that every minister may read them and fully understand the duties of his office.

[1] *Sic, recte* genito. [2] The day of the month is omitted.

The injunctions which follow are concerned with the discipline of the cathedral clergy. It is forbidden to maintain women in the cathedral close. The desecration of the burial-ground, which is polluted by grazing animals and disturbed by the disorderly conduct of clerks and laymen who indulge in blasphemous talk, practise ball-games and archery, and take part in riots, must cease. The custom of regularly providing food for the poor is to be observed.

The dean is forbidden to bring into the chapter house strangers who may divulge chapter secrets, and the door is to be closed and well guarded during meetings. Discipline must be enforced among the vicars-choral, and only persons who have shown suitability of character and fitness in reading and singing should be admitted. It has been observed that many vicars choral are unpunctual, inattentive and even riotous during services ; they are enjoined to attend punctually, to walk two by two, to bow to the altar and make the proper responses, to refrain from extravagance in dress and the wearing of arms. The provosts are directed to report those who are absent or negligent. The vicars choral are expected to live under a common rule in the house provided for them.

The sacristan is to perform his proper duties. No vicars, chaplains, clerks or choristers may enter taverns, especially at night. Discipline is to be strictly enforced among chantry chaplains, clerks and choristers. Finally, the choristers are enjoined to speak Latin, not English, among themselves in the cathedral and the close, and to refrain from noisy behaviour, especially near the altar. The master of the choristers is responsible for seeing that they are duly instructed, adequately fed, and appropriately punished for their misdeeds.

Iniuncciones ecclesie cathedralis Lincoln'. Philippus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilectis filiis decano et capitulo ecclesie nostre Lincoln' salutem graciam et benediccionem. Suscepti regiminis cura nos sollicitat et inducit ut que in ecclesia nostra predicta non absque gravi periculo animarum ipsius ecclesie ministrorum ac cultus divini diminucione et detrimenti in eadem servari viderimus per apposicionem congrui moderaminis in melius reformemus ne eorum sanguis in stricto dei iudicio de manibus nostris requiratur. Sane ad dictam ecclesiam nostram personaliter accessimus et de statu dicte ecclesie in communi titulis que incumbencium ac de moribus et conversacione ministrancium in eadem visitacionis debitum officium completuri omnibus et singulis quorum intererat premunitis et citatis ad comparendum coram nobis certis diebus effluxis in domo capitulari ecclesie nostre predicte dictam visitacionem nostram humiliter subituris. In qua quidem visitacione diversis defectus et excessus per nos corrigendi et reformandi nobis sunt detecti et delati qui sequuntur et sunt tales. In primis quod cum in fundacione et statutis nostre ecclesie Lincoln' sit ordinatum

et statutum cum aliquis in decanum dicte ecclesie perficiatur et installetur seu quis in canonicum vicarium seu ministrum eiusdem ecclesie admittatur quilibet eorum corporale prestet iuramentum de observando statuta et consuetudines ecclesie memorate, verum quia in visitacione nostra detectum existet et delatum quod huiusmodi statuta et consuetudines penitus ignorantur, expediens esset et salubre dicto capitulo pro periurio evitando ac aliis causis licitis et canonicis veraciter scire et intelligere que essent illa statuta illius ecclesie observandum et que essent ille consuetudines eciam observande et quod ille consuetudines essent redacte una cum illis statutis eciam observandis in publicam scripturam de communi consensu nostro et capituli nostri et quod illa scriptura poneretur in aliquo loco publico infra dictam ecclesiam ut omnes quorum interest recursum habere valeant ad eandem. Quocirca vobis iniungimus per presentes quatinus infra annum a tempore recepcionis presencium proximum futurum per aliquos fidedignos et discretos huiusmodi statuta et consuetudines que in archivis vestris conscribuntur faciatis et ipsa omnia statuta et consuetudines hactenus observatas nobis transmittatis ut eis omnibus et singulis per nos visis et diligenter inspectis deliberacione prehabita sufficienti cum maturo consilio ipsa statuta et consuetudines in publicam et autenticam formam per nos redegi valeant et nos post huiusmodi publicacionem et auctenticacionem in choro dicte ecclesie nostre palam et publice poni faciemus ut unusquisque minister dicte ecclesie ibidem inspicere poterit quod ad officium pertinebit. Item nos volentes illud putridum turpitudinis libidinose contagium quo decor ecclesie graviter maculatur totis viribus a subditis nostris et precipue a ministris ecclesie nostre prefugare et gravia scandala removere, vobis iniungimus quod nullas mulieres suspectas infra clausum dicte ecclesie nostre ad perhendinandum seu commorandum decetero quovismodo permittatis et illas suspectas iam perhendinantes et commorantes prorsus ammoveatis infra mensem sub pena excommunicacionis. Item cum cimiterium dicte ecclesie sit locus sacer et deo dedicatus ubi peccatorum venia est postulando et ubi cessare deberent tumultus populorum ac prophana colloquia, ac ibi esse non deberent fimus aut sterculinia, nobis tamen est detectum et delatum quod non nulli tam clerici quam laici diversis temporibus ad pilam pedalem et manualem ludunt in eodem ac sagittant cum arcubus [*Folio 46*] lapidos emittentes pretextu quorum formidatur quod rixe dissenciones et contumelie ac eciam ipsius loci pollucio contingere poterunt in futurum sunt que in eodem cimiterio fimus et sterculinia quam plurima. Unde vobis iniungimus in virtute obediencie quod non permittatis ab hoc tempore in antea dictos ludos nec dictas sagittaciones in dicto cimiterio quovismodo excerceri aut sterculinia fimum aut alia feda ibidem fieri nec dictum cimiterium cum porcis vaccis aut aliis inmundis animalibus maculari seu deturpari et huiusmodi sterculinia et fimum nunc in dicto cimiterio

constituta infra mensem totaliter removeri faciatis. Item iniungimus vobis decano in virtute obediencie et iuramenti prestiti dicte ecclesie quod cum sederitis in domo capitulari dicte ecclesie circa visitacionem capituli seu aliquo die capitulari circa correcciones quod non inducatis vobiscum in dictam domum clericos seculares seu laicos extraneos vel coniungatos per quos secreta capituli possent divulgari et faciatis tempore visitacionis et capitulorum vestrorum celebraciones huiusmodi hostia dicte domus capitularis claudi et custodiri ne extranei ingrediantur. Item vobis decano et capitulo iniungimus quod statutum de firmis ecclesie predicte observetur una cum tali addicione sive adreccione quod optans firmam secundum cursum suum si receperit a predecessore suo nomine reparacionis aliquam summam quod non optabit aliam meliorem nisi prestita sufficienti caucione de liberando dictam summam successori suo pro reparacione dicte firme una cum quantitate certe summe pro defectibus tempore suo contingentibus. Item iniungimus quod ordinacio sive statutum de pastu pauperum perfecte et diligentissime observetur. Item quod vicarii dicte ecclesie plerumque ex affeccione minus ydonei sunt recepti et ut sic recipiantur insistunt amicorum precibus et inoportunis instanciis in divini cultus diminucionem et dicte ecclesie scandalum manifestum. Iniungimus igitur et expresse prohibemus ne quis futuris temporibus in vicarium dicte ecclesie admittatur quovismodo nisi sit vir bone vite et conversacionis honeste et per examinacionem solertem et fidelem fuerit excellens in litteratura voce et in cantu. Item nobis detectum et delatum existit quod nonnulli vicarii dicte ecclesie post misse vesperarum ac ceterarum horarum primum ingressum in choro iocis et fabulacionibus seu lecturis in parvis devocionibus sunt attendantes lecture aut cantui seu sacerdoti in altari non advertentes. Alii autem modo huc modo illuc discurrendo et saltando chorum frequenter exeunt et redeunt sive causa ut videtur illudentes et si principium et finem habeant de medio non curantes quia igitur perfectum non est quod ex omnibus sui partibus non consistit districte ergo et sub maioris excommunicacionis pena ac in virtute iuramenti ecclesie nostre prestiti iniungimus et precipimus omnibus et singulis vicariis dicte ecclesie ne quis vicarius dicte ecclesie futuris temporibus postquam ingressus fuerit chorum dicte ecclesie ut alicui hore diei intersit ante finem eiusdem quoquomodo egrediatur nisi evidens probabilis sive necessaria causa ipsum ad hoc inducat et tunc cum gravitate incedat devote se coram altari in exitu et egressi inclinando. Et si cum aliquo qui non sit de choro loqui debeat ad loquendum cum eo chorum egrediatur. Item iniungimus et precipimus omnibus et singulis vicariis dicte ecclesie et precipue rectoribus chori quod cum ad matutinas vel vesperas vel alias horas fuerit pulsatum omnes et singuli dicti vicarii et precipue rectores chori tempestive excussa pigricei macula ad ecclesiam conveniant et cum pulsatum fuerit cum campana vocate Capebelle ad ultimum

capas suas sumant et chorum ingrediantur executorem officii inibi expectando ut cum maturitate debita divinum officium valeant inchoare, dictoque de hora prima quantum dici debeat in choro omnes vicarii qui dicte hore interfuerint a choro recedentes bini et bini secundum gradus suos ordinate capitulum intrent et exeant ibidem expectando quousque *preciosa*[1] que est pars dicte hore et leccio finiantur quibus finitis consimili modo dictum capitulum egrediantur. Et si qui premissa servare non curaverint volumus quod totum emolumentum quod racione dicte hore perciperent integraliter amittant. Item iniungimus et precipimus dictis vicariis et clericis quod super nigras capas sordidas vel complutas non induant se sericis capis chori sed tamen superpellicium subtus habeant vel rochetum. Item iniungimus et precipimus vicariis dicte ecclesie quod ipsi et clerici chori dicte ecclesie canonicis celebrantes ad maius altare intendant et respondeant quociens ibidem celebraverint sine mora. Item quod predicti vicarii et clerici chori dicte ecclesie in exequiis mortuorum et in obitibus lecciones legant et versus cantent. Item quod dicti vicarii et clerici quicumque et precipue cum fuerint revestiti in honestis togis suis cum longis manicis vulgariter Pokes nuncupatis non utantur ac eciam baslardos et calapodia deponant que in ecclesia strepitum faciunt et generant malum sonum. Item iniungimus et precipimus sub pena excommunicacionis maioris ne aliqui vicarii seu capellani quicumque clerici vel choriste habitum in ecclesia nostra portantes dum divina ibidem dicuntur et celebrantur in habitu seculari vel habitu ecclesie vagentur se discurrant in eadem ecclesia seu in eodem habitu stando in ecclesia extra chorum morentur. Item quod dicti vicarii capellani quicumque clerici vel choriste habitum in eadem ecclesia portantes vagos discursus in civitatem et vana spectacula et accessus ad tabernas seu loca suspecta et precipue de nocte decetero omnino dimittant et eos sic regulent ut hore matutinali liberius poterint interesse. Et quia pro eorundem vicariorum inhabitacione predecessorum nostrorum et aliorum nonnullorum sumptuosis expensis domus diverse sunt edificate et constructe, iniungimus et precipimus eisdem quod omnes et singuli vicarii utriusque forme in eisdem domibus continue morentur et in una mensa simul epulentur nisi eorum aliqui cum canonicis ecclesie [*Folio 46*^{v}] nostre continue steterint commensales ut unus alterius vite et conversacionis poterit testimonium perhibere. Item quod prepositi vicariorum sacerdotum et aliorum capellanorum cantarias in ecclesia nostra obtinentes singulis annis coram decano et capitulo iurare compellantur de fideliter inquirendo et notando personas missas suas singulis diebus non dicentes quas eisdem decano et capitulo cicius quo poterint denunciare teneantur. Item quod omnes et singuli vicarii eum ad legendum vel cantandum per succentorem vel vicecancellarium cui reverenciam differe debent fuerint in tabula

[1] Underlined in MS.

inscripti dicta onera ad que intabulantur supportare per se vel per convicarium suum omnino teneantur, quod si quis vicarius sit intabulatus et per se vel per convicarium suum non adimpleverit, pro singulis defectibus duos denarios ipsum amittere volumus commune vicariorum applicandos. Item quod prepositi vicariorum post eorum eleccionem coram decano et capitulo corporale prestent iuramentum quod ipsi vel ad minus unus eorum per se vel alium loco sui semper horis diurnis et nocturnis personaliter in choro intersint vel intersit et precipue matutinis missa et vesperis ad notandum fideliter defectus non veniencium seu non administrancium in eodem. Decernimus insuper quod dicti prepositi nec eorum alter teneatur fidem adhibere assercioni vicarii dicentis se aliqua hora interfuisse vel infirmum fuisse nisi evidenter litteris iudiciis doceatur. Item quod nulli vicarii capellani vel clerici seu reliqui ecclesie ministri quocumque nomine censeantur extra clausum canonicorum et ecclesie post pulsatum in ecclesia maiori ignitegium evagentur sed pocius sua petant receptacula horis et temporibus oportunis sub pena arbitrio decani et capituli moderanda. Item compertum est et delatum coram nobis quod magister scolarum grammaticalium civitatis nostre Lincoln' qui de consuetudine dicte ecclesie nostre Lincoln' habitum vicariorum in eadem ecclesia Lincoln' diebus dominicis et festivis gerere possit licet vicarius esse non solebat ut liberius informacioni puerorum in scolis suis insistere valeret et que magister scolarium qui nunc est in vicarium chori est assumptus qui racione vicarie sue quam obtinet in servicio divino in choro eiusdem ecclesie virtute iuramenti sui ecclesie nostre Lincoln' prestiti horis quasi singulis interesse teneatur, regimen dictarum scolarum ac informacio puerorum in eisdem sunt omissis et neglectis, propterea iniungimus et precipimus quod amodo et in futurum magister qui pro tempore fuerit post magistrum iam incumbentem intendat scolis suis et in vicarium dicte ecclesie nostre stante illo sic magistro decetero non admittatur et si de facto admissus fuerit decrevimus admissionem eandem penitus non valere. Illud item iniungimus observari de sacrista ecclesie nostre predicte, videlicet quod amodo et in futurum post ipsum iam incumbentem in vicarium eiusdem ecclesie nostre non admittatur nec econverso vicarius in sacristam quia uni officio officiando aliud inofficiatum reliquit. Item iniungimus choristis dicte ecclesie nostre quod loquantur latinum et non anglicum inter se tam in ecclesia quam infra clausum nec cum seipsis nec cum aliis colluctentur nec faciant quemcumque strepitum circa altare nec in choro nec in aliis locis dicte ecclesie sed benigne et honeste se gerant et tractent suos seniores nec exeant portas dicti clausi in civitatem nec ad alias partes absque licencia speciali sub pena omissionis victus pro uno die quam penam ipsos et ipsorum quemlibet incurrere volumus tociens quociens in premissis vel aliquo premissorum reperti fuerint deliquentes. Item iniungimus choristis dicte ecclesie nostre tam

presentibus quam futuris quod unusquisque ipsorum per se in suo dormitorio iaceat et recumbat sub pena sex fustigacionum a magistro suo infligendarum cum fuerit in hac parte primo legitime convictus pro primo termino. Ac insuper sub pena amissionis commune sue pro uno mense si secundo in hac parte convincatur pro secundo termino. Et si in suis malicia et protervia perduravit penas supradictas minime curans tercio convictus fuerit legitime in hac parte iniungimus et mandamus quod a statu et iure choristrarum perpetuo sit exclusus. Item iniungimus magistro choristarum quod tractet eos honesto modo et quod ministret seu ministrari faciat eisdem destitum consuetum et victum secundum facultates suas et quod ille victus scilicet panis et cervisia et alia victualia sint bona et honesta. Tenore igitur presencium vobis decano ac singulis de capitulo sub pena excommunicacionis maioris iniungimus quatinus premissis omnibus et singulis per nos sic ut premittitur ordinatis et iniunctis obediatis et pareatis quatenus ad vos vel aliquem vestrum attinet cum effectu. Dat' sub sigillo nostro in castro nostro de Sleford' [1] die Junii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} decimo, et nostre consecracionis anno sexto.

1409. Testament of William Kirkby, clerk. Dated at Kirkby, August 28th. Proved in the bishop's registry at Sleaford on June 12th, 1410.

Testamentum Willelmi Kyrkeby.[2] In dei nomine amen. Ego Willelmus Kyrkeby clericus compos et sana mente die mercurii proxima post festum sancti Bartholomei apostoli anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo beate Marie et omnibus sanctis eius et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia Sancte Crucis de Kirkeby super le grene. Item lego meum optimum equum cum cella et freno nomine mortuarii mei. Item lego fabrice ecclesie eiusdem xl s. Item lego altari sancte Marie eiusdem duo paria vestimentorum, unum rubium pro feriali et aliud nigrum pro dominicali cum tuella pertinente predictis vestimentis. Item lego fabrice matricis ecclesie Lincoln' iij s. iiij d. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum do et lego executoribus meis quos constituo, videlicet Willelmum Gretham clericum de sancto Botulpho Robertum Marschall' capellanum et Willelmum Honyman capellanum ut ipsi ordinent et disponant pro anima mea ut ei poterit expedire sub periculo animarum suarum. In cuius rei testimonium presentem sigillum meum apposui. Dat' apud Kyrkeby die et anno supradictis.

Approbacio eiusdem. xij^{mo} die mensis Junii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} decimo in domo registrarii reverendi in Christo patris et domini domini Philippi dei gracia Lincoln' episcopi apud Sleford' Lincoln' diocesis exhibitum fuit testamentum predictum

[1] Blank in MS. [2] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 128.

ac in forma iuris probatum et per dictum reverendum patrem pro eo [*Folio 47*] quod idem defunctus tempore mortis sue plura bona in diversis diocesibus notorie obtinuit cuius pretextu ipsius testamenti probacio approbacio et insinuacio, administracionis que bonorum eiusdem defuncti commissio compoti reddicio audicio et finalis liberacio ab eadem tam de iure et nomine ecclesie nostre Lincoln' quam de consuetudine laudabili hactenus usitata legitime que prescripta ad ipsum reverendum patrem et nullum ipso inferiorem iudicem dinoscuntur notorie pertinere approbatum et insinuatum et pro valore pronunciatum. Commissaque fuit administracio omnium bonorum dictum defunctum et eius testamentum concernencium et infra iurisdiccionem dicti reverendi patris existencium domino Roberto Marschall' capellano executori in eodem testamento nominato in forma iuris. Consimilis administracio per dominos Willelmum Gretham de Boston' et Willelmum Honyman de Kyrkeby capellanos executores in eodem testamento nominatos primitus renunciatos et eis preclusa per decretum ac compoto administracionis huiusmodi eidem reverendo patri specialiter reservato.

1410. Testament of John Deeping, rector of Warkton. Dated August 30th. Proved at Leicester on September 6th.

Testamentum Johannis Depyng rectoris de Wreketon'.[1] In dei nomine amen. Anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} decimo penultimo die mensis Augusti, ego Johannes Depyng rector ecclesie parochialis de Werketon' condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo omnipotenti et corpus meum sepeliendum in parte australi in cancello de Werketon' predicta. Item lego fabrice ecclesie predicte xiij s. iiij d. Item lego Margarete Robyn iij s. iiij d. Item lego Matildi filie iij s. iiij d. Item lego Eme Stacy iij s. iiij d. Et volo quod funeralia mea fiant secundum disposicionem executorum meorum. Item lego Johanni Hertford' x marcas si gerat se secundum ordinacionem executorum meorum et non displiceat alicui eorum post mortem meam. Item lego eidem optimum equum meum et lectum meum rubium, videlicet coopertorium testour selour cum tribus curtinis duo blankettis unum materas et unum par linthiaminum sub condicione premissa. Si autem dicte condicioni non paruerit cum effectu, volo quod idem Johannes nichil habeat. Item lego Isabelle servienti mee x marcas quatuor vaccas et tria coclearia mea argentea. Volo eciam quod si dicta Isabella sit nupta quod sit nupta secundum voluntatem matris sue. Item lego Roberto et Sarre uxori sue consobrine mee decem libras octo vaccas et duas optimas meas boves sexaginta oves sex coclearia mea argenti et optima et septimum meum cocliar argenteum signatum in dorso cum duplici W. mappam meam optimam et optimum meum manutergium et optimam meam cistam et omnia vasa mea ordinata ad pandaxandum,

[1] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 118.

videlicet fattes tubbes barels payles stoppis duo parva ledys stepyng-fattes et totum meum pewtrewessall' et unum saler. Item lego dicte Sarre optimam meam togam et furruram meam albam et totum meum vas eneum et optimam meam peciam argenti et unum pece de blanket. Item lanam que est in vendo et residuam lanam preter venalem et optimum par de cobards et omnia vera. Item lego Johanni filio dictorum Roberti et Sarre c s. et omnes vestes meas pro corpore meo ordinatas et volo quod Sara predicta dividat inter ipsam et filium suum ac filiam suam predictos omnia lectisternia mea prius non legata. Item lego Johanni Godelok' xl solidos. Item lego Johanni Glover' xx s. Item lego Willelmo Podyngton' portiforium meum et xx s. Item lego Alicie sorori Sare predicte ij marcas. Item volo quod unus capellanus celebret per annum pro anima domini Johannis Elton' quondam vicarii de Haddon'. Item volo quod habeam unum capellanum celebrantem per annum pro animabus parentum meorum et mei ac omnium quibus teneor in ecclesia de Werketon' predicta. Item lego cuilibet servienti meo ij s. et quicquid autem hec legavero quod non continetur in hoc testamento illud adimo. Item ordino facio et constituo Thomam Mulsho Johannem Styuecle Johannem Welton' de Wold' magistrum Johannem Spenser et Saram consobrinam meam predictam executores meos. Residuum vero bonorum meorum prius non legatorum volo quod executores mei disponant secundum informacionem quibusdam eorum ad hoc per me oretenentem traditam.

Approbacio eiusdem. Sexto die mensis Septembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} decimo apud Leycestr' probatum fuit hoc testamentum approbatum et insinuatum et pro valore eiusdem legitime pronunciatum administracio que bonorum dictum testamentum concernencium magistro Johanni Spenser executori in eodem testamento nominato in forma iuris iurato fuit commissum ipsius acceden' consensu, potestate consimilem administracionem aliis coexecutoribus suis imposterum committendi necnon compoto et raciocinio in hac parte reddendum audiendum specialiter reservatis.

Postmodum vero commissum fuit decano de Hiegham ac vicario de Gedyngton' ad committendum administracionem aliis executoribus in dicto testamento nominatis si eam admittere voluerint. Alioquin ad precludendum eis potestatem administracionis etc. calculo et raciocinio administracionis sue et finali quitacione ab eadem reservatis cum clausula certificandi citra festum sancti Martini in yeme.

1410. September 16th, Sleaford. Licence to John Mapleton (Mapilton'), rector of Pickworth (Pykworth'), to put his church to farm for three years. [D.]

Same date and place. Letters dimissory to William Ousteby, to all orders. [B.]

1410. Testament of William Stacy of Stamford. Dated September 20th. Proved before Bishop Repingdon at Stamford on November 6th.

Testamentum Willelmi Stacy de Stamford'.[1] In dei nomine amen. Anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} decimo xx^{mo} die mensis Septembris, ego Willelmus Stacy de Stamford' in bono statu et sana memoria condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis commendo animam meam deo beate Marie et omnibus sanctis eius et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia beate Marie ad pontem coram crucifixio et optimum vestimentum meum nomine principalis. Item lego rectori ecclesie beate Marie ad pontem xl s. ad orandum pro anima mea et pro decimis oblitis. Item lego domino Johanni Preston' capellano ad celebrandum pro anima mea duobus annis xiiij marcas. Item lego duobus sacerdotibus honestis ad orandum pro anima mea xiiij marcas. Item lego domo de Novo Loco vj marcas ad orandum pro anima mea. Item lego priori et conventui de Bewall' xl s. Item in distribuccione pauperum in die sepulture mee x marcas. Item lego xx pauperibus cuilibet eorum vj denarios et volo ut serviatur eis de optimis cibariis et ut habeant secum residuum. Item in cera circa corpus meum comburenda videlicet v cereos pondus x libras. Item lego cuilibet ordini fratrum Stamford' xiij s. iiij d. et vinum ad conficiendum sacramentum cuilibet ordini [*Folio 47v*] Stamford' pro anno uno. Item cuilibet moniali sorori novistri sancti Michaelis iuxta Stamford' vj d. et domine Alicie Copuldyk xij d. Item cuilibet pauperi huiusmodi in lecto suo iacenti de Stamford' xij d. Item lego cuilibet sacerdoti ad meas exequias existenti vj d. et cuilibet clerico parochiali ij d. Item lego cuilibet executori meo pro suo labore xx s. Et ad istud testamentum perimplendum tales ordino meos executores videlicet Robertum Loksmyth' Aliciam uxorem meam et Johannem Vowe et Alcok[2] ut ipsi ordinant et disponent de bonis legatis et non legatis sicut coram deo voluerint respondere.

Approbacio. Sexto die mensis Novembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} decimo apud Stamford' coram reverendo in Christo patre et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo exhibitum fuit testamentum prefati Willelmi Stacy nonnulla bona notabilia in Lincoln' et aliis diocesibus tempore mortis sue notorie obtinentis cuius pretextu ipsius testamenti probacio approbacio et insinuacio ac pro ipsius valore pronunciacio adminstracionis bonorum dicti defuncti commissio compoti sive calculi administracionis huiusmodi audicio reddicio et finalis liberacio ab eadem ad ipsum reverendum patrem de iure ac nomine ecclesie sue Lincoln' et de consuetudine laudabili hactenus usitata legitimeque prescripta et nullum alium ipso reverendo patre inferiorem iudicem pro bonis

[1] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 138. [2] *Sic.*

infra diocesim suam Lincoln' existentibus dinoscuntur notorie pertinere et pro bonis huiusmodi legitime probatum ac per ipsum reverendum patrem approbatum insinuatum et pro valore eiusdem pronunciatum. Commissaque fuit administracio omnium bonorum dicti defuncti et eius testamenti concernencium et infra dictam diocesim existencium Roberto Loksmyth' Alicie relicte dicti defuncti et Johanni Alcok executoribus in eodem testamento nominatis in forma iuris iuratis, potestate consimilem administracionem committendi Johanni Vowe coexecutore suo eciam in dicto testamento nominato cum eam admittere si venerit ac compoto administracionis huiusmodi in omnibus semper salvis.

1410. Testament of Robert de Whitby, prebendary of Ketton and rector of Bassingbourn in the diocese of Ely. Dated July 6th. Proved before Bishop Repingdon at Stamford on November 6th.

Testamentum Roberti de Whitteby rectoris de Bassyngburn' et prebendarii de Keton'.[1] In die nomine amen. Ego Robertus de Whitteby rector ecclesie parochialis de Bassyngburn' Elien' diocesis per graciam domini mei Jesu Christi sanus mente et corpore, considerans quod hora mortis incerta, volens igitur dum vigor in meo corpore vigeat et racio meam mentem de bonis meis mobilibus mihi a deo collatis iuxta discreccionem mihi divinitus datam disponere, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam ipsius creatori et corpus meum sepeliendum in cancello ecclesie prebendalis de Keton'. Item lego et do deo et dicte ecclesie vicario et aliis ministris et suis successoribus ibidem deo servientibus magnum portiforium meum ad serviendum ibidem imperpetuum. Item do et lego xxiiij de pauperibus parochianis meis de Bassyngburn' xij libras argenti de bonis meis infra rectoriam ibidem et fabrice ecclesie ibidem sex marcas percipiendas de bladis et fructibus infra rectoriam eiusdem ecclesie. Item do et lego xx de pauperibus prebende mee de Keton' x marcas et fabrice ecclesie ibidem xl s. percipiendos de bladis et fructibus ibidem. Item do et lego pauperibus parochianis de Blanford' forum in comitatu Dorcestr' xx s. Item pauperibus parochianis Omnium Sanctorum de Thetilthorp' xx s. et fabrice ecclesie ibidem xx s. Item fabrice ecclesie cathedralis Lincoln' xl s. Item fabrice ecclesie de Whytteby xl s. Item do et lego vicario meo de Keton' xx s. et cuilibet capellano existenti in exequiis meis et ad missam de die xij d. Item ordini fratrum Augustinen' Stamford' ij marcas et tribus aliis ordinibus fratrum ibidem cuilibet ordini xx s. Item vicario meo de Bassyngburn' duas marcas et cuilibet capellano celebranti ibidem xl d. Item fabrice ecclesie de Leek iuxta Wrangle in Holand' xiij solidos et iiij d. Item volo si aliquis executorum meorum aliquid de bonis seu catallis meis emere voluerit quod ipsi

[1] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 145.

preferantur aliis. Huiusmodi vero testamenti executores ordino facio et constituo magistrum Willelmum Burton' bacallarium iuris canonici Johannem Marum capellanum et Willelmum Duraunt' et supervisorem predictorum testamenti et executorum dominum Johannem Legburn' canonicum ecclesie Lincoln'. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum volo quod dicti executores disponant secundum quod noverint voluntatem meam. Hoc presens testamentum fuit factum et in hiis scriptis redactum sexto die mensis Julii anno domini millesimo decimo, hiis testibus domino Johanne Legburn' canonico ecclesie cathedralis Lincoln' magistro Johanne Whyttelsey bacallarii iuris canonici et Edmundo Seintlowe armigero. In quorum omnium testimonium huic testamento meo clauso sigillum meum apposui.

Approbacio eiusdem. Sexto die mensis Novembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} decimo apud Stamford' coram reverendo in Christo patre et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo exhibitum fuit testamentum domini Roberti de Whitby supradicti rectoris dum vixit ecclesie de Bassyngburn' Elien' diocesis infra diocesim Lincoln' defuncti nonnulla bona notabilia in Lincoln' et aliis diocesibus tempore mortis sue notorie obtinentis, cuius pretextu ipsius testamenti probacio approbacio et insinuacio ac pro ipsius valore pronunciacio administracionis bonorum dicti defuncti, commissio compoti sive calculi administracionis huiusmodi audicio reddicio et finalis ab eadem liberacio ad ipsum reverendum patrem de iure ac nomine ecclesie sue Lincoln' et de consuetudine laudabili hactenus usitata legitime que prescripta et nullum alium ipso reverendo patre inferiorem iudicem pro bonis infra diocesim suam Lincoln' existentibus dinoscuntur notorie pertinere et pro bonis huiusmodi legitime probatum ac per ipsum reverendum patrem approbatum insinuatum et pro valore eiusdem pronunciatum. Commissaque fuit administracio omnium bonorum dicti defuncti et eius testamentum concernencium et infra diocesim Lincoln' existencium executoribus in eodem testamento nominatis in forma iuris iuratis, compoto administracionis huiusmodi reservato.

1410. November 15th, Sleaford. Licence to Richard Fleming, rector of Boston, and to his parochial chaplains, to hear the confessions of their parishioners in reserved cases, with the usual exceptions.

Rector de Boston' confessionale. xv die mensis Novembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} decimo apud Sleford' concessa fuit facultas magistro Ricardo Flemmyng rectori ecclesie de Boston' et eius capellanis parochialibus quod eorum quilibet possit audire confessiones omnium parochianorum suorum et iniungere eis penitencias etc. eciam in casibus reservatis, illis casibus qui excipi consueverunt dumtaxat exceptis.

[*Folio 48*]

1399. Notification by the prior of Sempringham that by direction of papal letters dated April 26th, 1399, he has granted a petition from the inhabitants of the hamlet of Spanby in the parish of Swaton for a burial-ground at the chapel of Spanby, owing to the distance from Swaton and the difficulties of communication in bad weather. The papal letters are read on July 28th, 1399, in the presence of the abbot of Barlings, the vicar of Swaton, and many other witnesses. The customary rights of the parish church must be maintained.

Nota pro sepultura in cimiterio capelle de Spanby in parochia de Swaton'. Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quod presentes littere pervenerint et quos negocium tangit infrascriptum seu tangere poterit quomodolibet in futurum, Henricus dei paciencia prior prioratus de Sempyngham ordinis sancti Gilberti Lincoln' diocesis in negocio infrascripto executor sive iudex unicus a sede apostolica specialiter deputatus, salutem et perpetuum rei geste memoriam. Litteras sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Bonifacii divina providencia pape noni eius vera bulla plumba cum cordula canapis more Romane curie bullatas non viciatas non cancellatas nec in aliqua sui parte corruptas sed sanas et integras omnibus que prorsus vicio et suspicioni carentes nobis per partem incolarum sive inhabitancium villulam de Spanby infra parochiam de Swaton' eiusdem diocesis situatam coram notario publico et testibus infrascriptis nos cum ea qua decuit reverencia noveritis recepisse tenorem continentem infrascriptum.

Bonifacius episcopus servus servorum dei dilecto filio priori prioratus de Sempyngham Lincoln' diocesis salutem et apostolicam benediccionem. Ex iniuncto nobis apostolice servitutis officio ad ea per que Christi fidelium tranquillitati ac ipsorum animarum saluti consulituo libenter intendimus illis que quantum cum deo possumus favorem apostolicum impertimur, sane peticio pro parte dilectorum filiorum universitatis habitatorum et incolarum villule de Spanby Lincoln' diocesis nobis exhibita continebat quod licet ipsis in dicta villula commorantibus in capella in eadem villula sita infra fines et limites parochialis ecclesie de Swaton' dicte diocesis cuius ecclesie ipsi parochiani existunt eukaristie et alia sacramenta ecclesiastica ex antiqua consuetudine ministrentur tamen prope eandem capellam non habetur sepultura et corpora decedencium ibidem pro tempore de ipsa villula ad predictam ecclesiam pro ecclesiastica sepultura tradenda deservium. Cum autem sicut eadem peticio subiungebat ipsis universitati habitatoribus et incolis tam propter loci distanciam quam eciam propter inundaciones aquarum quandoque ibidem excrescencium et viarum discrimina corpora huiusmodi ad dictam ecclesiam pro huiusmodi sepultura tradenda deferre valde onerosum existat pro parte universitatis habitatorum et incolarum eorundem nobis fuit humiliter supplicatum ut ipsis cimiterium iuxta dictam

capellam deputandi in loco ad hoc congruo ubi decedencium corpora huiusmodi sepeliri facere possint licenciam concedere de benignitate apostolica dignaremur. Nos igitur huiusmodi supplicacionibus inclinati discreccioni tue per apostolica scripta mandamus quatinus si est ita eisdem universitati habitatoribus et incolis ut iuxta predictam capellam cimiterium huiusmodi deputare ac ibidem sepulturam liberam perpetuo habere et decedencium pro tempore corpora huiusmodi ecclesiastice tradi sepulture ac nichilominus capella et cimiterium huiusmodi per quemcumque maluerit catholicum antistitem consecrari facere diocesani loci et cuiuscumque alterius licencia super hoc minime requisita libere et licite valeant, iure tamen dicte ecclesie parochialis et cuiuslibet alterius ecclesie in omnibus semper salvo apostolica auctoritate licencia largiaris. Dat' Rome apud sanctum Petrum vj^{to} kalendas Maii Pontificatus nostri anno decimo. Post quarum quidem litterarum apostolicarum presentacionem et earum recepcionem fuimus pro parte dictorum inhabitancium et incolarum cum instancia requisiti ut ad execucionem dictarum litterarum apostolicarum procedere curaremus iuxta traditam seu directam a sede apostolica nobis formam. Nos igitur iudex sive executor antedictus volentes dictas litteras apostolicas nobis in hac parte directas et contentam eisdem reverenter exequi ut tenemur religiosos viros abbatem et conventum de Barlinges rectores de Swaton' predicte ac dominum Willelmum vicarium perpetuum eiusdem in specie nec non omnes alios et singulos quorum intererat seu interesse poterat in hac parte in futurum in genere ad comparendum coram nobis certa die competenti in capella de Spanby predicte processum per nos in hac parte iuxta vim formam et effectum dictarum litterarum apostolicarum usque ad finalem eiusdem expedicionem inclusive faciendum visuros et audituros, ulteriusque facturos et recepturos in hac parte quod tenor dictarum litterarum apostolicarum postulaverit et canonicis convenerit institutis mandamus et fecimus coram nobis legitime evocari. Quo die adveniente nos iudex predictus in capella predicta pro tribunali sedentes prefatos religiosos et vicarium predicto iurari fecimus quibus coram nobis sufficienter comparentibus statum que inhabitantes et incole communitatem sive universitatem dicte villule de Spanby facientes coram nobis comparuerunt et dictas litteras apostolicas nobis iterato presentarunt et nos ut prius requisiverunt ac nonnullos testes ad probandum ea que in dictis litteris apostolicis pro parte eorum fuerunt suggesta produxerunt, quibus per nos in forma iuris admissis iuratis et diligenter examinatis eorumque deposicionibus in scriptis fideliter redactis et publicatis palam et publice proclamari fecimus, si quis quicquam vellet dicere obicere vel proponere quare ad execucionem litterarum apostolicarum predictarum iuxta formam et tenorem earundem minime procederemus quod coram nobis compareat illud in forma iuris propositurus. Et quia nullus in hac parte comparuit oppositor seu contradictor,

et quia eciam reperimus per probaciones coram nobis ministratas omnia et singula pro parte dicte communitatis in dictis litteris apostolicis suggesta fuisse et esse vera, nos deliberacione iurisperitorum in hac parte prehabita sufficienti dei invocato nomine ad finalem dicti negocii expedicionem procedimus in hunc modum. In dei nomine amen. Nos Henricus dei paciencia prior prioratus de Sempyngham ordinis sancti Gilberti Lincoln' diocesis in negocio sepulture concessionis et capelle et cimiterii dedicacionis infrascriptarum executor sive iudex unicus a sede apostolica specialiter deputatus quia per acta et actitita coram nobis in dicto negocio invenimus habitatores et incolas dicte villule de Spanby omnia et singula pro parte eorum in dictis litteris apostolicis suggesta fuisse et esse vera cimiterium iuxta dictam capellam decrevimus fore deputandum et auctoritate apostolica illum locum dicte capelle contiguum et pro cimiterio antiquitus destinatum cimiterium pro corporibus mortuorum dicte villule ibidem sepeliendis deputamus et liberam sepulturam in loco predicto perpetuis temporibus obtinendum huiusmodi communitati concedimus, ita quod inhabitantes predicti corpora inibi mortuorum in eadem sepeliri facere poterint absque contradiccione cuiuscumque imperpetuum. Necnon habitatoribus et incolis predictis libera concedimus facultatem quod dictam capellam et cimiterium per quecumque antistitem malucrum catholicum consecrari et dedicari facere libere et licite valeant diocesani loci et cuiuscumque alterius licencia super hoc minime requisita, iure tamen parochialis ecclesie et cuiuscumque alterius in omnibus semper salvo. In quorum omnium singulorum testimonium presentes litteras nostras seu presens publicum instrumentum hunc nostrum processum in se continentem seu continens per Johannem Reresby notarium publicum [*Folio 48*^{v}] nostrum in hac parte scribam scribi et publicari mandavimus, sigilli que domus nostre communis fecimus appensione muniri. Data et acta in capella de Spanby predicta sunt hec sub anno ab incarnacione domini secundum cursum et computacionem ecclesie Anglicane millesimo tricentesimo nonogesimo nono Indiccione septima Pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Bonifacii divina providencia pape noni anno decimo mensis Julii die vicesima octava. Presentibus discretis viris magistro Thoma Pynchebek' in legibus bacallario Willelmo perpetuo vicario de Swaton' et domino Johanne Crane capellano Lincoln' diocesis et aliis quampluribus testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis.

Et ego Johannes Rerysby de Tydd' clericus Elien' diocesis publicus auctoritate apostolica notarius huiusmodi litterarum apostolicarum presentacioni et eorum receptor decreti imposicioni ac omnibus aliis et singulis supradictis dum sic agerentur et fierent una cum prenominatis testibus sub anno domini Indiccione Pontificatu mense die et loco supradictis personaliter presens interfui eaque sic fieri vidi et audivi. Eaque ex mandato iudicio suprascripti

manu mea scripsi et in hanc publicam formam redegi meoque signo consueto signa in requisitus una cum appensione dicti sigilli in testimonium omnium premissorum registratur per R. Stretton'.

1398. Testament of Dionisia Rocheford. Dated June 19th. Proved before Thomas Tyberay, sequestrator and commissary in the archdeaconries of Huntingdon and Bedford on July 3rd, 1398. Registered by Bishop Repingdon.

Testamentum Dionisie Recheford'.[1] Universis et singulis Christi fidelibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint Philippus permissione divina episcopus Lincoln' salutem in domino et fidem indubiam presentibus adhibere ad vestre universitatis noticiam tenore presencium deducimus que ex parte dilecti nobis in Christo Willelmi de Chestreton' clerici quondam testamentum cuiusdam mulieris nomine Dionisie Recheford' que nuper ut intelleximus infra nostram diocesim et iurisdiccionem diem suum clausit extremum coram nobis producentis in scriptis redactum ac coram discreto viro magistro Thoma Tyberay in legibus bacallario tempore bone memorie Johannis Bukyngham nostri predecessoris in archidiaconatibus Huntyngdon' et Bedford' sequestratore et commissario et nostro in presenti in eisdem insinuatum et probatum, sigilli que ipsius officii ut nobis clare apperuit appensione munitum et roboratum diligenter inspeximus sub eo qui sequitur tenore verborum. In dei nomine amen. Ego Dionisia Recheford' languens in extremis compos tamen mentis condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam deo omnipotenti beate Marie et omnibus sanctis corpus que meum ad sepelliendum in cimiterio ecclesie beate Marie de Baldok'. Item lego unam cestam nomine mei principalis. Item lego summo altari dicte ecclesie tres solidos quatuor denarios. Item lego Dionisie Galowe xl solidos et meliorem lectum meum. Et Helene servitrici eiusdem unam gunam. Item Thome Chedyngton' sex solidos octo denarios. Item cuilibet executori meo xl solidos. Item do et lego eisdem executoribus meis, videlicet dominis Johanni Vynter et Johanni Bermyngham capellanis, omnia terras et tenementa que habui et habeo in villa et campis de Chestreton' ad sursum reddendos in manus domini feodi eorundem prout moris est, eo que langoribus detenta non valeo ad hoc faciendum illuc accedere in propria persona ad effectum ut iidem executores prefati terras et tenementa mea vendant meliori modo quo sciverint et de pecuniis pro eisdem recipiendis disponant utilitate anime mee prout in die iudicii voluerint coram summo iudice respondere. Item volo quod Nicholaus filius meus habeat omnia terras redditus et tenementa que habeam et habeo in villa et campis de Assche in comitatu Derbeye que sibi debentur iuris hereditatis. Residuum vero omnium aliorum bonorum meorum non legatorum do et lego prefatis executoribus meis ut ipsi eciam de eisdem disponant libere ad eorum

[1] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 135.

voluntatem et ipsos facio et constituo executores et attornatos meos cum plena potestate ad perimplendum pro me et in nomine meo omnia predicta per presentes. Dat' apud Clothale decimo nono die Junii anno domini millesimo trescentesimo nonagesimo octavo. In dorso vero predicti testamenti ex alia manu et littera diversa et dissimili sic fuit et est scriptum. Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram nobis Thoma Tyberay rectore ecclesie de Boudon' parva in legibus baccallario reverendi in Christo patris et domini domini Johannis[1] dei gracia Lincoln' episcopi in archidiaconatibus Hunt' et Bedeford' sequestratore et commissario apud Welye iij° die Julii anno domini infrascripto ipsoque testamento probato et pro eodem pronunciato commissa est administracio bonorum defuncte executoribus infrascriptis in forma iuris iuratis. Quod quid testamentum prefatus Willelmus de Chestreton' coram diversis iudicibus et aliis personis certis de causis veritatem et iusticiam atque ius suum concernentibus ut asseruit sit et fuerit realiter et necessarie producturus, metuens tamen ne aliqui forte malivoli contra huiusmodi testamenti probacionem et auctenticacionem sinistris machinando se opponere interentur quoquomodo in eventum per quod ipsius testamenti vigor et effectus verisimiliter enervari possent et infringi et sic proinde equa iusticia cuiusquam in aliqua sui parte de facili ut edocuit deperire que absit nobis cum instancia extitit supplicatum quatinus dictum testamentum sic per nos ut premittitur inspectum in maiorem fidem et corroboracionem auctoritate nostra ordinaria approbare et plenius auctenticare graciose dignaremur. Nos vero considerantes quam pium sit a meritorium veritati testimonium prohibere, volentes que quantum in nobis est unicuique in sua iusticia subvenire, nostram que pariter iurisdiccioonem ordinarii in omnibus conservare illesam secuti ut tenemur et insuper ad effectum ut nullius iusticia in hac parte pareat nec quem piam liceat ymmo pocius ut veritas uniuscuiusque luculencius universis manifestetur ipsius Willelmi supplicacionibus tanquam iustis et racioni consonis benivole inclamati premissis omnibus et singulis attente consideratis supradictum testamentum tanquam verum et legitimum ac legitime probatum ut prefertur approbamus et auctenticamus ac illud pro vero legitimo approbato et auctentico pronunciamus et declaramus ac eidem de cetero tam in iudicio quam cetera in omnibus et per omnia ubique locorum plenam fidem auctoritate qua fungimur in hac parte tenore presencium decernimus effectualiter adhiberi. In quorum omnium et singulorum testimonium has litteras nostras testimoniales fieri nostri que sigilli apposione insinumus[2] communiri. Dat' etc.

[*Folio 49*]

1410. November 16th. Letter to the bishop of Lincoln from Robert Hallam, bishop of Salisbury. On the petition of Adam

[1] John Buckingham, bishop of Lincoln (1363–1398). [2] *Sic, recte* insinuamus.

Raceton, rector of Knighton, that his predecessor, the late William Kirkby, neglected to carry out necessary repairs to the chancel, books, ornaments, houses, and other church property, the archdeacon of Dorset has been directed to inquire into the circumstances of the case. Robert Marshall, alias Wytham, chaplain, of Lincoln diocese, who is William Kirkby's executor, is held to be responsible for his debts. Bishop Repingdon is asked to cite Marshall to appear before the bishop of Salisbury, so that the matter may be fully investigated.

Littera episcopi Sarum sub mutue vicissitudinis obtentu. Reverendo in Christo patri et domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo Robertus eadem gracia ecclesie Sarum servus humilis et minister salutem et fraterne dileccionis continuum incrementum. Et ad mutua obsequia in iuris subsidium impendendum se paratum. Cum nos nuper ex officii nostri debite ad instanciam dilecti nobis in Christo filii domini Ade Raceton' rectoris ecclesie parochialis de Knyghton' nostre diocesis nobis suggerentis, quod dominus Willelmus Kyrkeby ultimus rector dicte ecclesie iam defunctus ipsius Ade in dicta ecclesia predecessor immediatus mortis sue tempore quamplures defectus notabiles et enormes in cancello libris ornamentis domibus clausuris aliisque rebus dicte ecclesie de Knyghton' et ad eam pertinentis dimisit negligenter incorrecte ac ipsos reparare et reficere pro tempore suo non curavit, quorum defectuum reparacio ut asseritur ad ipsum defunctum notorie spectabat et spectat in presenti, ad inquirendum in forma iuris ac iuxta consuetudinem laudabilem in dicta nostra diocesi hactenus et diutius in talibus usitatem et approbatam. Dilecto in Christo filio archidiacono nostro Dors' seu eius officiali dederimus in mandatis et dilectus in Christo filius officialis dicti archidiaconi nostri Dors' de et super defectibus huiusmodi auctoritate mandati nostri sibi in hac parte directe servatis in ea parte de iure servandis debite inquisierit ac nos de et super inquisicione huiusmodi et meritis eiusdem et circumstanciis per litteras suas iuxta formam sibi in hac parte de mandato debite certificaverit prout per certificatorium huiusmodi ad quod nos referimus poterit lucidius apperere ac quidam dominus Robertus Marschall' alias Wytham capellanus executor testamenti ut accepimus dicti domini Willelmi Kyrkeby defuncti et ipsius bonorum administrator in vestra diocesi moram suam faciat personalem.[1] Unde nos ad instanciam dicti domini Ade rectoris predicti sibi per nos super premissis iusticie complementum fieri et per nos vobis sub mutue vicissitudinis obtentu in iuris subsidium scribi instanter postulantis prout nostro congruit officio ulterius licite procedente. Vos reverende pater cum ea qua decet reverencia sub mutue vicissitudinis obtentu et in iuris subsidium quatinus de iure possumus requirimus et rogamus quatinus citari,

[1] *Supra*, p. 187.

velitis facere peremptorie prefatum dominum Robertum Marschall' alias Wytham executorem quod compareat coram nobis in ecclesiam parochialem de Sunnyng dicte nostre diocesis die jovis proximo post festum Epiphanie domini proximum iam futurum contra dictam inquisicionem super dictis defectibus ut prefertur captam si sua putaverit interesse dicturus et propositurus necnon in huiusmodi inquisicionis negocio usque ad finalem decisionem eiusdem iuxta iuris exigenciam ac dicte inquisicionis qualitatem et naturam processurus et processi visurus, eciam ad omnes et singulos actus in hac parte gradatim et successive requisitos, ulteriusque facturus et recepturus in premissis quod iusticia suadebit. Et quid in premissis duxerit vestra paternitas reverenda faciendum nos dictis die et loco dignemini reddere certiores per vestras litteras patentes harum seriem continentes. Et nos ad consimilia vel maiora sub mutue vicissitudinis obtentu et in iuris subsidium inveniet vestra reverenda paternitas semper promptos pariter et paratos. Quam ad ecclesie sue sancte et gregis vobis commissi salubre regimine conservet diutius in prosperis nostri clemencia salvatoris. Dat' apud Swyndon' xvj^{o} die mensis Novembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} decimo.

1410. December 19th, Sleaford. Licence to William Barrow, principal of Haberdasher's Hall, Oxford, and to Thomas Seman, to celebrate divine services in a chapel or oratory in the Hall.

Memorandum quod xix die mensis Decembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} decimo apud Sleford' concessa fuit licencia magistris Willelmo Barugh' principali aule que vulgariter nuncupate Haberdassh' Hall'[1] Oxon' ac Thome Seman quod possint celebrare et celebrari facere missas et alia divina officia in capella sive oratorio infra dictam aulam situata per triennium.

1410. December 18th, Sleaford. Licence to William Hooper, rector of Britwell (Brytwell'), subdeacon, for one year's non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause " Cum ex eo ". [C.]

Same date and place. Letters dimissory to John Colyn, acolyte, to all orders. [B.]

Same date and place. Licence to William, son of William Ward of Tetford, rector of the chapel of St. Bartholomew, to celebrate one anniversary on account of the poverty of his benefice, the permission to last for three years.

Item xviij die mensis Decembris anno domini supradicto apud Sleford' concessum fuit unum annale pro defunctis Willelmo filio

[1] An Osney property in High Street, near the site of the new entrance to Brasenose College. Hurst, *op. cit.*, p. 176.

Willelmi Warde de Tetford' nostre diocesis rectori capelle sancti Bartholomei de eadem per triennium ab exilitatem beneficii sui etc. ut in forma.

1410/11. January 7th, Sleaford. Licence to the abbot and convent of St. James, Northampton, to put to farm the appropriated churches of Watford, Sproxton, Duston with the chapel of St. Margaret, Horton, Rothersthorpe, Weekley, Little Gaddesden, Bozeat, two parts of the church of Roade, and the chapel of Hartwell, for three years.[1] [G.]

1410/11. January 12th, Sleaford. Letters dimissory to Thomas Brouns, licenciate-in-law, rector of Aylesby, subdeacon, to all orders. [B.]

1410/11. March 21st, Old Temple. Licence to the inhabitants of the hamlet of Saltfleet Haven for the celebration of divine services in the chapel of Holy Cross on the sand.

Memorandum quod xxj° die mensis Marcii anno domini supradicto apud Vetus Templum London' concessa fuit licencia incolis et inhabitantibus villulam sive hamelettam de Salflethaven' Lincoln' diocesis quod possint facere divina celebrari in capella [in] honorem Sancte Crucis super le sande in dicta hameletta abolim constructa per triennium in sua et aliorum ad eandem capellam confluencium quorumcumque presencia.

[*Folio 49v*]

1410/11. March 21st, Old Temple. Licence to Ralph Parles and his family for the private celebration of divine services in the manor of Shutlanger, for three years.

Memorandum quod xxj° die mensis Marcii anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ decimo apud Vetus Templum London' concessa fuit consimilis licencia Radulpho Parles Alicie eius uxori Radulpho filio eorundem et Alicie uxori eius quod possint facere divina celebrari in capella sive oratorio infra manerium suum de Shitlangre Lincoln' diocesis per triennium in sua et liberorum suorum presencia.

Same date and place. Change of the date of the patronal festival of Lowick church.

LUFWYK' MUTACIO DEDICACIONIS ECCLESIE. Item xxj° die mensis Marcii apud Vetus Templum London' anno domini supradicto mutatum fuit festum dedicacionis ecclesie de Lufwyk' ut prefertur propter concurrenciam illius festi a incepcionis historie domine *ne in ira* etc. et super hoc scriptum erat rectori et parochianis ad celebrandum.

[1] *Supra*, p. 32.

1410/11. March 20th, Old Temple. Licence to John Burgoyne (Burgoyn'), rector of Barnack (Barnak'), acolyte, for one year's non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause "Cum ex eo". [C.]

Same date and place. Letters dimissory to Robert Felton (Felton') rector of Edgcote (Ochecote), having the first tonsure, to all orders, [B.] and licence to him for three years' non-residence for study, in accordance with the clause "Cum ex eo", [C.] "ita quod promoveatur ad subdiaconum infra annum a tempore usque accepti".

Same date and place. Licence to John Howden (Houden'), rector of Clothall (Clothale), for three years' non-residence. [H.]

1410/11. March 19th, Sleaford. Licence to preach granted to Robert Woodlark, one of the vicars at Chesham.

Item xix° die mensis Marcii anno domini supradicto apud Sleford' concessa fuit licencia predicandi magistro Roberto Wodelark' uni vicariorum de Chessham.

1410/11. Letter from the bishop of London (dated January 26th), forwarding a mandate from Archbishop Arundel (dated January 19th) for the strict observance of the eve of the feast of St. Matthew. Bishop Repingdon transmits the mandate to the archdeacons and their officials.

Mandatum archiepiscopi de ieiuniando vigiliam sancti Mathie apostoli. Memorandum quod xiij° die mensis Februarii anno domini millesimo cccc^mo decimo apud Buckeden' recepte fuerunt littere que sequentur in hec verba. Reverendo in Christo patri ac domino domino Philippo dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo Ricardus permissione divina London' episcopus salutem et sinceram in domino caritatem. Litteras reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Thome dei gracia Cantuarien' etc. vicesimo quarto die mensis Januarii anno domini infrascripto reverenter recepimus, tenorem qui sequitur continentes. Thomas permissione divina[1] (etc.). Dat' apud Forde xix die mensis Januarii[2] anno domini millesimo cccc^mo decimo, et nostre translacionis anno quintodecimo. Quarum auctoritate litterarum etc. Dat' sub sigillo nostro in manerio nostro de Fulham xxvj° die mensis Januarii anno domini supradicto, et nostre translacionis anno quarto. [*Folio 50*] Auctoritate igitur litterarum prescriptarum in ecclesia nostra Lincoln' et singulis aliis ecclesiis civitatis nostre diebus dominicis et festivis ante vigiliam sancti Mathie predictam et locis aliis quibus temporis brevitas promittebat omnia et singula in eisdem litteris contenta

[1] As *Concilia*, III, p. 333; *Reg. Bubwith*, I, pp. 102–103.
[2] January 20th in *Concilia*.

publicavimus et publicari fecimus ac omnibus et singulis subditis nostris inhibuimus et inhiberi fecimus prout superius est expressum. Universisque archidiaconis et eorum officialibus per nostram diocesim constitutis per litteras nostras tenorem dictarum litterarum in se continentes dedimus firmiter in mandatis quod ipsi in synodis capitulis populique et cleri convocacionibus et congregacionibus ac singulis ecclesiis parochialibus infra earundem archidiaconatus situatis populo et clero in subditis inhibiciones solempnes tam vestra quam nostra auctoritate faciant et fieri procurent cum celeritate possibili ne quis in dicta vigilia quandocumque et in quacumque feria continget infuturum carnes vel carnea sumere presumant quoquomodo set eciam solempni ieiunio secundum tenorem et effectum earundem litterarum observent, et cetera faciant que dicte vestre reverende littere in se exigunt et requirunt. Et quos in hac parte delinquentes inveniri contigerit illos secuti nobis superius demandatur pro viribus canonica puniemus de quibus omnibus et singulis vestram reverendissimam paternitatem iuxta vestrarum litterarum exigenciam harum litterarum nostrarum serie certificamus. Quam ad ecclesie sue regimine. Dat' et etc.

1410/11. March 14th, Old Temple. Letters dimissory to William Dent, acolyte, to all orders. [B.]

1410/11. March 18th, Old Temple. Letters dimissory to John Marshall (Marchall'), of Potton (Potton'), to all orders. [B.]

Same date and place. Licence to John Adderbury for the private celebration of divine services at Walton in Northamptonshire and Adderbury in Oxfordshire.

Item xviij° die mensis Marcii anno domini supradicto apud Vetus Templum London' concessa fuit licencia Johanni Abberbury et Alicie uxori sue et eorum liberis habendis missam in capella manerii de Walton' in comitatu Northampton' ac in manso apud Abberburi in comitatu Oxon' ad triennium.

Same date and place. Letters dimissory to John Quainton (Queynton'), having the first tonsure, William Swain (Swayn), acolyte, and William Nicholl (Nicol), acolyte, to all orders. [B.]

1381. May 14th. Bull of Urban VI, sanctioning the appropriation of East Claydon parish church in the diocese of Lincoln to the priory of Bisham Montague in the diocese of Salisbury, on the ground of the great impoverishment of the priory, its founder, William, late earl of Salisbury, having died before he had made adequate provision for its endowment.

ESTCLAYDON' APPROPRIACIO. Urbanus episcopus servus servorum dei ad perpetuam rei memoriam pastoralis officii debite quo universis orbis ecclesiis astringimur exigit ut circa statum ecclesiarum et monasteriorum omnium dirigendum solicitis studiis intendamus et ad illorum que nimia pauperitate gravantur sublevacionis augmentum quantum cum deo possumus manus operarias apponere studeamus. Sane peticio pro parte dilectorum filiorum prioris et conventus monasterii de Bustelesham Montague per priorem soliti gubernari ordinis sancti Augustini Saresbirien' diocesis nobis nuper exhibita continebat quod olim quondam Willelmus comes Saresbirien' predictum monasterium canonice fundavit, et licet idem comes intenderet dictum monasterium illud exiliter dotatum remansit et in magno pauperitate est constitutum. Quare pro parte dictorum prioris et conventus nobis fuit humiliter supplicatum ut parochialem ecclesiam de Estclaydon' Lincoln' diocesis ipsis et predicto eorum monasterio incorporare ac annectere et unire de benignitate apostolica dignaremur. Nos itaque volentes eorundem prioris et conventus ac monasterii necessitatibus de alicuius subvencionis auxilio providere huiusmodi supplicacionibus inclinati predictam parochialem ecclesiam cuius fructus redditus et proventus ad decem marcas sterlingorum pro decima ut asseritur, sunt taxati eciam si ecclesiam ipsam disposicioni apostolice specialiter reservata existat cum omnibus iuribus et pertinenciis suis priori et conventui ac monasterio predictis auctoritate apostolica perpetuo incorporamus annectimus et unimus, ita quod cedente vel decedente ipsius parochialis ecclesie rectore qui nunc est vel ipsam parochialem ecclesiam alias quomodolibet dimittente liceat eisdem priori et conventui corporalem possessionem parochialis ecclesie iuriumque et pertinencium predictorum per se vel alium seu alios auctoritate propria libere apprehendere et licite retinere diocesani loci vel cuiuscumque alterius super hoc licencia minime requisita. Et quod prior dicti monasterii pro tempore existens curam parochianorum dicte ecclesie per aliquem secularem presbiterum per ipsum priorem ad eius initum ibidem instituendum et destituendum exerceri et eidem ecclesie in divinis officiis deserviri et ipsam ecclesiam regi et gubernari facere possit oneribus tamen ordinariis et extra ordinariis eiusdem ecclesie per ipsum priorem prout iustum fuerit supportatis, non obstantibus constitucionibus apostolicis contrariis quibuscumque seu si aliqui super privicionibus sibi faciendis de parochialibus ecclesiis vel aliis beneficiis ecclesiasticis in illis partibus speciales vel generales apostolice sedis vel legatorum eius litteras impetrarint eciam si per eas ad inhibicionem [*Folio 50*v] reservacionem et decretum vel alias quomodolibet sit processum, quas litteras et processus habitos per easdem et quecumque inde secuta ad prefatam parochialem ecclesiam volumus non extendi, set nullum per hoc eis quo ad assecucionem ecclesiarum et beneficiorum aliorum preiudicium generari et quibuscumque privilegiis indulgenciis et litteris apostolicis

generalibus vel specialibus quorumcumque tenor existant per que presentibus non expressa vel totaliter non inserta effectus earum impediri valeat quomodolibet vel deferri et de quibus quarumque tenoribus de verbo ad verbum habenda sit in nostris litteris mencio specialis. Nos insuper exnunc irritum decernimus et mane si cecus super hiis a quoquam quavis auctoritate scienter vel ignoranter contigerit attemptari. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginem nostre incorporacionis annexionis unionis voluntatis et constitucionis infringere vel ei auso temerario contraire. Siquis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit indignacionem omnipotentis dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum eius se noverit incursurum. Dat' Rome apud sanctum Petrum ij idus Maii Pontificatus nostri anno tercio.

1409. May 18th. Letter of Henry IV confirming the transfer of the advowson of East Claydon parish church to the prior and convent of Bisham Montague.

Licencia regia dandi et assignandi advocacionem ecclesie de Estclaydon' priori et conventui de Bustelesham. Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie omnibus ad quos littere pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod cum dominus E[dwardus] nuper Rex Anglie avus noster vicesimo die Februarii anno regni sui Anglie quadragesimo quinto per litteras suas patentes concesserit et licenciam dederit pro se et heredibus suis Ricardo de Chaddeslegh' Johanne Darderne Thome Gerneye et Waltero le Yong quod ipsi unam acram terre cum pertinenciis in Estclaydon' et advocacionem ecclesie eiusdem ville dare possent et assignare tunc priori et conventui de Bustelesham habendum et tenendum eisdem priori et conventui et successoribus suis imperpetuum, et eisdem priori et conventui quod ipsi terra cum pertinenciis et advocacionem predictas a prefatis Ricardo Johanne Thoma et Waltero recipere et ecclesiam illam appropriare et eam sic appropriatam in proprios usus tenere possint sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum similiter licenciam dederit specialem, statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito non obstante. Postmodumque dicti Ricardus Johannes Thomas et Walterus per cartam suam virtute licencie predicte terram et advocacionem predictas dictis priori et conventui dedissent et concessissent habendum et tenendum sibi a successoribus suis imperpetuum prout in litteris et carta predictis plenius continentur, ac prefati prior et conventus possessionem terre cum pertinenciis et advocacionis predictarum virtute licencie et carte predictarum in vita predicti avi nostri adepti fuissent. Subsequenter que sanctissimus in Christo pater dominus Urbanus papa sextus per bullas suas apostolicas ecclesiam suam cum omnibus iuribus et pertinenciis suis prefatis priori et conventui ac monasterio suo de Bustelesham auctoritate apostolica perpetuo incorporavit annexit et unierit, ita quod cedente vel decedente

ipsius ecclesie rectore qui tunc fuit vel ecclesiam illam alias quomodolibet dimittente, liceret priori et conventui loci predicti corporalem possessionem ecclesie predicte iurium que et pertinencium predictorum per se vel per alium auctoritate predicta libere apprehendere et licite retinere. Et quod prior eiusdem loci pro tempore existens curam parochianorum dicte ecclesie per aliquem secularem presbyterum per ipsum priorem ad eius initum ibidem instituendum et destituendum excerceri et eidem ecclesie in divinis officiis deserviri et ipsam ecclesiam regi et gubernari facere possit oneribus tamen ordinariis et extra ordinariis eiusdem ecclesie per ipsius prout iustum fuerit supportatis prout in bullis predictis plenius continetur, ac dilecti nobis in Christo nunc prior et conventus loci predicti corporalem possessionem ecclesie predicte per mortem Roberti ultime persone eiusdem que tempore confeccionis bullarum predictarum ecclesie illius extitit incumbens nuper vacantis et tanquam eisdem priori et conventui ac monasterio suo predicto virtute licencie regie et bullarum apostolicarum predictarum appropriate annexe unite et incorporate adepti fuerint, et eam sic appropriatam annexam unitam et incorporatam iuxta formam bullarum predictarum de assensu diocesani et archidiaconi loci illius in proprios usus habeant et teneant. Nos volentes securitati et quieti ipsorum prioris et conventus et successorum suorum in hac parte ob honorem sancte Trinitatis advocati monasterii predicti quod noviter fundatum et exiliter dotatum existit ut veraciter concepimus providere statum et possessionem quos dicti prior et conventus habentes in dicta ecclesia de Estclaydon' cum suis iuribus et pertinenciis antedictis pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est acceptamus approbamus ratificamus et confirmamus, volentes ulterius et concedentes pro nobis et dictis heredibus nostris prefatis priori et conventui et successoribus suis quod ipsi habeant et teneant ecclesiam illam cum omnibus iuribus et pertinenciis suis sibi successoribus suis in forma predicta sicut predictum est imperpetuum sive occasione impeticione inquietacione vel impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum aut ministrorum nostrorum vel heredum nostrorum quorumcumque, statuto predicto aut aliquo alio statuto seu ordinacione in contrarium edito non obstante. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium decimo octavo die Maii anno regni nostri decimo.

1410/11. March 7th, Old Temple. Letters dimissory to William Bartlett (Bartelet) of Braunston (Braundeston'), subdeacon, to all orders. [B.]

[*Folio 51*]

Same date and place. Letters dimissory to William, son of William Lathley (Latheley), subdeacon, to all orders; to Robert

Clerk (Clerk') of Grendon (Grendon'), deacon, to priest's orders; and to John Burgoyne (Burgoyn'), rector of Barnack (Barnak'), acolyte, to all orders. [B.]

1408. Testament of Thomas Pays, rector of St. Laurence the Martyr at Surfleet. Dated May 31st. Proved before the archbishop of Canterbury on March 13th, 1409/10, and before Bishop Repingdon at Buckden on February 14th, 1410/11.

Testamentum Pays.[1] In dei nomine amen. Die jovis in festo sancte Petronille virginis anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} viij^{o}, ego Thomas Pays rector ecclesie sancti Laurencii martiris de Surflet compos mentis et sane memorie dei gracia existens condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego et commendo animam meam deo omnipotenti beate Marie virgini et omnibus sanctis et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in cimiterio ecclesie de Surflet predicte, videlicet in introitu ad ostium occidentale. Item lego nomine principalis ut moris est. Item lego summo altari pro decimis oblitis xl s. Item lego unam tapetam ad cooperiendum predictum altare. Item lego pauperibus in die sepulture mee ut distribucio elemosine sit in voluntate executorum meorum. Item lego Johanni capellano parochiali vj s. viij d. Item lego cuilibet capellano venienti ad exequias meas vj d. Item lego luminaribus beate Marie et sancti Johannis Baptiste ij s. Item lego fabrice ecclesie predicte vj s. viij d. Item lego Johanni Sayer servienti meo unum lectum in quo iaceo cum pertinenciis. Item lego Elizabet' Pays apud Londonias unam cistam cum una tapeta que existunt in custodia Johannis Sylverton'. Item lego ad maritagium Elizabet' filie quondam Willelmi Hyllen xx s. Item lego Katerine Sayer duas togas cum capiciis. Item lego Johanni Broune capellano unam togam sanguineam cum capicio eidem pertinenti. Item lego Johanni Sayer xx quarteros ordii et x quarteros frumenti et x quarteros fabare. Item lego eidem Johanni tres ollas nec debiliores nec meliores et tres vaccas et unum cartum et unum aratrum et tres equas cum duobus bovis et instrumentis ad aratrum pertinentibus. Item lego eidem sex platers de peuter et sex discos et sex saucers et pelium cum lavatorie. Item lego Willelmo Hyllen vj oves. Item lego Roberto filio Johannis Sayer unam vaccam. Item lego Johanni diacone ecclesie armilausam rubiam et unam togam viridam. Item lego Thome Harnes unam togam de faldyng et j quarterum brasii. Item lego Johanni Haning unam togam viridam. Item lego Lesondo de Lincoln' unam togam de scarlet. Item lego Thome Carter lectum in quo iacet. Item lego Elizabet' Pays j togam pelliciatam quod est apud Londonias. Item lego Lucie Hankyn ij s. quod debet michi. Item lego Johanni Broune capellano superpellicium meum et unam peciam de argento et

[1] Abstract in *Linc. Wills*, p. 132.

quatuor optima cocliaria argentea et unum equum et unam sellam cum pertinentibus et frenum. Item lego Johanni Sayer unam peciam de argento et iiij cocliaria argentea optima et unum equum cum sella et pertinentibus. Item lego Katerine Sayer unam murram et quatuor cocliaria argentea. Item lego Johanni capellano predicto xx s. et librum meum portiforium ad habendum me in speciali memoria. Item lego Johanni Sayer xx s. Item lego Katerine uxori eius xx s. Item lego Roberto Capon' xx s. Item lego predicto Johanni Sayer unum librum vocatum manuale. Item lego Katerine uxori eius unam cathedram. Item lego Willelmo Yllel unum lectum pro disposicione executorum meorum. Residuum vero bonorum meorum non legatorum do et lego predictis Johanni Broune capellano et Johanni Sayer et Katerine uxori sue debitis meis solutis. Ad istam execucionem faciendam tales ordino et constituo executores Johannem Broune capellanum parochialem Robertum Capon' et Johannem Sayer ut ipsi disponant pro me prout melius valeant expedius. Dat' et act' die et anno supradictis. xiiij die mensis Februarii anno etc. x^{mo} apud Buckeden' exhibitum fuit testamentum dicti magistri Thome Pays rectore defuncti nonnulla bona notabilia in Lincoln' et aliis diocesibus tempore mortis sue notorie obtinentis cuius pretextu ipsius testamenti probacio approbacio etc. ut in forma et illud sufficienter probatum per venerabilem in Christo patrem et dominum dominum Philippum dei gracia Lincoln' episcopum approbatum et insinuatum ac pro valore eiusdem fuit pronunciatum, commissaque fuit administracio bonorum dictum defunctum et eius testamentum huiusmodi concernencium ac infra diocesim Lincoln' existencium Johanni Sayer executori in eodem testamento nominato in forma iuris iurato, potestate consimilem administracionem ceteris executoribus suis committendi ac compoto calculo et raciocinio administracio huiusmodi dicto venerabili specialiter reservatis.

Approbacio archiepiscopi.[1] Tenore presencium nos Thomas permissione Cant' archiepiscopus tocius Anglie primas et apostolice sedis legatus facimus universis quod xiij^{o} die mensis Marcii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono in hospicio nostro London' probatum fuit coram nobis testamentum Thome Pays rectoris ecclesie sancti Laurencii martiris de Surflete presentibus annexum habentis dum vixit et mortis sue tempore nonnulla bona notabilia in diversis diocesibus nostre Cant' provincie ac per nos de prerogativa ecclesie nostre sancte Cant' approbatum fuit et insinuatum ac legitime pronunciatum pro eodem, commissaque fuit administracio omnium bonorum dictum testamentum concernencium dilecto in Christo filio Roberto Capon' executori in eodem testamento et per eum admissa cum debita iuris forma de fidelitate eciam eiusdem executoris de et super administracione sua in bonis ipsis plenarie confidentes

[1] Marginal note: "notabilia" (underlined).

ipsum ab ulteriori compoto nobis vel successoribus nostris in hac parte reddendo de prerogativa [*Folio 51v*] ecclesie nostre sancte Cant' absolvimus et ab officio nostro salvo tamen iure cuiuscumque dimittimus specialiter per presentes sigillo nostro consignatis. Dat' die loco mense et anno domini supradictis, et nostre translacionis anno xiiij°.

1410/11. January 29th, Liddington. Commission to John Colman and Richard Poleyn, of Foxton, to administer the goods of Thomas Colman, chaplain, of Rockingham, who died intestate.

xxix° die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo cccc^mo decimo apud Lydyngton' facta fuit commissio Johanni Colman et Ricardo Poleyn de Foxton' ad administrandum bona domini Thome Colman capellano de Rokyngham ab intestato defuncti et etc. ut in forma consueta.

1410/11. March 16th, Old Temple. Licence to Peter Hinwick, bachelor of laws, to preach in the diocese of Lincoln.

xvj die mensis Marcii anno domini millesimo cccc^mo x^mo apud Vetus Templum London' concessa fuit licencia magistro Petro Hynewyke bacallario in decretis quod possit predicare ubique infra diocesim Lincoln' auctoritate constituta etc. ut in forma.

1410/11. March 3rd, Old Temple. Mandate to the official of the archdeacon of Northampton and the rural dean of Higham Ferrers to make public proclamation in the churches of the archdeaconry of the forthcoming trial in Banbury parish church, before the bishop or his commissaries, of John Rythwys of Lynn, convicted before the king's justices at Northampton on December 7th, 1408, on charges of housebreaking and theft at Little Addington. The bishop appoints the prior of Chacombe, Thomas Brouns, Thomas Seman and Thomas Nash as his commissaries, and directs the constable of Banbury castle, Thomas Chaucer, to bring the accused for trial on the appointed day.

Deliberacio J. Rythwys convicti de carceri. Deliberacione facta apud Northampton' coram Willelmo Thyrnyng' et Roberto Tyrwhyt iusticiariis domini Regis die veneris in festo sancti Nicholai episcopi anno regni Regis Henrici quarti post conquestum decimo, iuratores dicunt per suum iuramentum quod Johannes Rythwys de villa de Lynne in die veneris in die sancti Petri anno regni Regis H. quarti post conquestum nono intravit domum Johannis Robyn de villa de Adyngton' parva noctante et unum equum badium precium xx s. felonice depredatus fuit die et anno supradicto, et super hoc predictus Johannes Rythwys fuit convictus et deliberatus carceri et custodiri domini episcopi Lincoln' sub pena qua incumbit.

iij° die mensis Marcii anno domini millesimo cccc^mo decimo apud Vetus Templum London' scriptum fuit officiali archidiaconi Northampton' ac decano de Higham Ferres coniunctim et divisim ad faciendum publicas proclamaciones in singulis ecclesiis archidiaconatus predicti et presertim illarum partium ubi huiusmodi fama dicitur laboratis diebus dominicis et festivis et in pleno capitulo similiter quod si quis sit qui velit prefatum Johannem super dicte crimine accusare vel alias prosequi contra eundum quod compareant coram domino aut priore de Chaucombe aut Wroxton' Thoma Brouns Thoma Seman aut Thoma Nassh' suis in hac parte commissariis in ecclesia parochiali de Bannebury die [1] proximo post festum [1] proximum futurum si iuridicus fuerit alioquin proximo die iuridico extunc sequente cum continuacio et prorogacio aliorum dierum tunc sequencium ad proponendum et prosequendum quicque contra dictum clericum proponere et prosequi voluerint et certificandum.

Eisdem die et loco commissum fuit prefatis priore Thome Brouns Thome Seman et Thome Nassh' coniunctim et divisim ad recipiendum certificatorium proclamacionis huiusmodi die et loco antedictis et audiendum omnes premunitos et citatos in hac parte et eis et dicto clerico ministrandum iusticie complementum et si nullus apparuerit oppositor ad precludendum oppositoribus viam ulterius et opponendum et reverendus pater dicti clerici super eodem crimine si eam eis offertis voluerit in debita iuris forma et cetera faciendum que necessaria fuerint in hac parte cum clausula certificandi negocio expedito una cum nominibus et cognominibus compurgatorum dicti clerici si ad eius purgacionem processerint.

Eisdem die et loco preceptum fuit Thome Chaucere constabulario castri de Bannebury[2] seu eius locum tenenti quod ipsum clericum die et loco antedictis coram dictis commissariis exhibeat et circa ipsius in carcerem retrusionem seu deliberacionem diligenter faciat quod ipsi commissarii duxerint in hac parte ordinandum.

1410/11. March 19th, Old Temple. Letters dimissory to Thomas Harding (Hardyng), of Clifton Reynes (Clyfton' Reynes), acolyte, to all orders. [B.]

[1] Blank in MS.

[2] On January 20th, 1411/12, the dean and chapter ratified Bishop Repingdon's grant of the office of constable and seneschal of Banbury castle to Thomas Chaucer, in return for his services (unspecified) to the bishop and dean of Lincoln. Liber Sextus, II, f. 4^v.

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